

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass for the Intentions *for the Week*

Sunday, August 6, 2017

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
7:30 Mark Anthony Habana (L) Birthday
9:30 Mary Cucco
11:30 Ellen Link

Monday, August 7, 2017

8:00 Violeta Platon Arida, First Anniv.

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

8:00 Mariann Conway (L) Healing

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

8:00 Maureen Bottcher

Thursday, August 10, 2017

8:00 Rose D'Eufemia

Friday, August 11, 2017

8:00 Soledad Santos

Saturday, August 12, 2017

8:30 Bob Matorano
5:30 People of Ascension Parish

Sunday, August 13, 2017

7:30 Lillian Person
9:30 John Coringrato
11:30 Macaria & Agustina Maglaqui

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

July 31, 2016:	\$4,528.00
July 30, 2017:	\$5,404.00

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

Readings for Sunday August 13, 2017

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9-14/
Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



From the Gospel account, it seemed that the Transfiguration lasted only a short time, and yet St. Peter encourages us to be attentive to it because it is like a lamp shining in a dark place. In our own lives, we also experience moments of transfiguration, and we must learn not only to trust those moments, but also to treasure them.

Have you ever had the experience of looking at some old photographs which recounted an especially good time in your life, and while you are gazing at those pictures, the feelings connected to those times once again make themselves felt within you? Those moments of happiness and joy from our past are really part of who we are today. We carry them with us. When we make the effort to remember them, then we allow their power to affect us in our present life.

Whenever we recall genuinely happy, joyful and peaceful times, we are recalling times when we experienced the presence of God in a special way. Even if those memories were not explicitly religious, God was still in them because God is the true and deep source of all that is loving, peaceful, joyful. The Scriptures tell us that Mary treasured her memories of Jesus' birth and all that surrounded it. Perhaps, these memories were sources of strength and consolation for her as she saw her son go through his passion and death.

Whenever and wherever we experience the glory and divinity of God — whether it is in our human relationships, or relationship with nature or in our life of prayer — may we carry those treasures in our heart and call upon them when we find ourselves struggling with the darkness.

✠ As we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, together ask God's special blessing on our Transfiguration Academy — students, faculty, parents and administration. May God's amazing grace help to transform their lives and ours that we all may become more like Christ.

✠ 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.

✠ We invite all of our young men and women who will be going off to college, to join us next Sunday, August 13th, 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.

✠ 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 9:00pm on August 19th 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!

✠ Don't forget our 33rd Anniversary Celebration of the Queenship of Mary with Mass on Saturday, August 19th at 5:30pm followed by procession and a sumptuous fiesta party in the Fr. Benedict Center. Please plan to join us.

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

Fr. David



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

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

Transfiguration Academy Registration for the 2017/2018 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 5, 2017 for students in grades 1 – 8.

Kindergarten classes begin on Wednesday, September 6, and PreK classes begin on Thursday, September 7.

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

Basketball Clinic 2017

Each year, the Transfiguration Academy Athletic Department sponsors a summer basketball clinic. This year's clinic was seven days long and 43 children participated. Students worked on all of the basic skills: dribbling, passing, shooting, and teamwork. Each day ended with a scrimmage. What makes this annual event so special, beyond the development of athletic and life skills, is the fact that 11 former students and players came back as instructors. Additionally, seven adult coaches volunteered their time to run the clinic.

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.

Summer office hours:

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



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 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.

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



SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

Starting this weekend and running thru early September, in conjunction with the New Milford Women's Club, we will be collecting schools supplies for underprivileged children in our community, including those serviced by our food pantry. A box has been placed in the vestibule for you to place your donations.

Items needed include:

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| Notebook paper | Spiral Notebooks | Marbled |
| Composition | Books | Pens |
| Colored Pencils | Markers | Highlighters |
| Rulers | Tape | Index Cards |
| Protractors | Compasses | Small Calculators |
| Pencil Cases | 3-Ring Binders | Lunch Boxes |
| Back Packs | | |

Anything you feel would be of use to a school-aged child would be greatly appreciated.

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!

AUGUST 6, 2017

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Invites You to Share with us in the

33rd Annual Celebration

of the

Queenship of Mary



Schedule of Novena

August 10 (Thursday) 7:30 pm
August 11 (Friday) 7:30 pm
August 12 (Saturday) 6:30 pm (after the 5:30pm Mass)
August 13 (Sunday) 6:00 pm
August 14 (Monday) 7:30 pm
August 15 (Tuesday)..... 8:30 pm (after 7:30pm Mass)
August 16 (Wednesday) 7:30 pm
August 17 (Thursday) 7:30 pm
August 18 (Friday) 7:30 pm

Main Celebration

August 19, 2017 (Saturday)

Mass: 5:30 pm Procession to follow after the Mass
Program & Reception at the Fr. Benedict Center

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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, Theresa Ruocco, Eileen Kloeblen, 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.

"a time to die..."

Mary Tassiello

...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 offered in loving memory of
William & Elizabeth Morris



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



Sunday, August 6, 2017

Parish Repairs and Maintenance

Monday, August 7, 2017

No events

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

No events

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

Novena – 7:30pm - Church

Thursday, August 10, 2017

Hackensack Homeless

Queenship Novena – 7:30pm - Church

Friday, August 11, 2017

Queenship Novena – 7:30pm - Church

Saturday, August 12, 2017

Confession – 11:00am – Church

Queenship Novena – 6:30pm - Church

Sunday, August 13, 2017

Father Hilary's Scholarship-Second Collection

Queenship Novena – 6:00pm - Church

Monday, August 14, 2017

Queenship Novena – 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

Masses 7:00 & 8:30am & 7:30pm

Queenship Novena – 8:30pm - Church

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.

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.

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.

