

Mass  for the Intentions *for the Week*

**Sunday, August 20, 2017**  
 5:30 **Queenship of the Blessed Virgin**  
 7:30 Timothy V. Cronin  
 9:30 People of Ascension Parish  
 11:30 Peggy Lacey, First Anniversary  
**Monday, August 21, 2017**  
 8:00 Maureen A. Bottcher  
**Tuesday, August 22, 2017**  
 8:00 Dorothy & Joseph Hartney  
**Wednesday, August 23, 2017**  
 8:00 Frank Vidal  
**Thursday, August 24, 2017**  
 8:00 Rose Caruso  
**Friday, August 25, 2017**  
 8:00 Luisa Garcia  
**Saturday, August 26, 2017**  
 8:30 Dolores Allegue  
 5:30 Matthew's Diner-50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
**Sunday, August 27, 2017**  
 7:30 Victorino Barrot  
 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.

<b>August 12, 2016:</b>	<b>\$5,581.00</b>
<b>August 13, 2017:</b>	<b>\$5,033.00</b>

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

**Readings for Sunday  
August 27, 2017**

**Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8/  
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20**



Remember that touching scene in “**Oliver Twist**,” where Oliver has been toiling in the workhouse, desperately hungry. Oliver approaches the cook with his empty bowl in his hands: “Please, sir, I want some more.” A great uproar ensues: the well-fed gentlemen who run the workhouse are outraged at Oliver’s “ingratitude.”

Today, a Canaanite women, despised by Jews, actually comes to Jesus hungry for “more”—she wants healing for her tormented daughter. The apostles just want her gone. They miss Jesus’ core message: it is the God-given right of every starving, emotionally needy, or ill person to ask for “more”! But when a poor person asks us for money, don’t we usually ask “Why doesn’t he have a job? Is he lazy? Will he just spend it on drink?”

Even more, we feel that the “asker” is crossing some boundary that they have no right to cross, as if we’re the “have”, and they are a “have-not” asking for more than they are entitled to.

What were the apostles trying to protect Jesus from by saying “Send her away?” Maybe Jesus was using this as a “teachable moment” to show us that God’s universal love and healing ARE the original plan. Food, shelter, warmth and care are the right expectation of every person. WE set up false boundaries of “have” and “have not”, out of fear and self-protection.

Distinctions between people arrived once evil entered the world. But for God, there are still no “haves” or “have nots”. We deny God’s reality when we do not cry out for the Oneness God wants for all of us. Let us wail and cry, and beg for “MORE” for all members of our Oneness who desperately need it!

✱ Next weekend a missionary will be with us at Ascension, speaking at all Masses on behalf of the Diocese of Kumbo, Cameroon. This is a part of our Archdiocesan Mission Cooperation Plan. We will take up a second collection to help support his diocese. Let us give Father a warm Ascension welcome. As always, may God, the Giver of all good gifts, bless you for your generous stewardship.

Know that I pray for you every day. Please pray for me, too.

God Love You!



**TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY**

**Catholic education is a ministry**

We recently came across an article from the Archdiocese of St. Louis which reinforces what we already knew: our teachers, as well as excellent educators, are ministers of Jesus Christ and his Church. They are dedicated to embodying our mission statement of: **Strengthening faith, Enlightening minds, and Transforming hearts...one student at a time.** To assist them in their ministry, the faculty will be attending a retreat on August 30.

Here is an excerpt from the article:

*"All around this archdiocese of ours, children are wondering about you," Welling said. "They are wondering about who their teacher is going to be, and is their teacher going to be a person filled with hope and joy when they walk in that very first day?"*

*She challenged them: "How will you respond to that call? How will you bring each child and parent that you meet closer to Jesus Christ this year?"*

**Upcoming events:**

**Tue, Sep 5:** First day of school: Grades 1 - 8 half day and Kindergarten orientation at 9:00a in Conlon Hall.

**Wed, Sep 6:** Second day of school: Grades K - 8 half day and Pre-Kindergarten orientation at 9:00a in Conlon Hall.

**Thu, Sep 8:** Third day of school: Grades K - 8 full day (no aftercare) and Pre-K half day.

**Fri, Sep 9:** "First Friday": Opening of school year Mass at 9:00am Grades K - 8 full day (no aftercare) and Pre-K half day.

**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.**

**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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|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Notebook paper</b>  | <b>Spiral Notebooks</b> | <b>Marbled</b>             |
| <b>Composition</b>     | <b>Books</b>            | <b>Pens</b>                |
| <b>Colored Pencils</b> | <b>Markers</b>          | <b>Pencils</b>             |
| <b>Rulers</b>          | <b>Tape</b>             | <b>Index Cards</b>         |
| <b>Protractors</b>     | <b>Compasses</b>        | <b>Children's Scissors</b> |
| <b>Pencil Cases</b>    | <b>3-Ring Binders</b>   | <b>Small Calculators</b>   |
| <b>Back Packs</b>      |                         | <b>Lunch Boxes</b>         |



**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.

**The Religious Education Office in the school will be open on Sunday, September 10, 2017 for last minute registration from 9 am until 11:15 am.** All registered families' letters have been mailed out. If you have registered and NOT received your letter, please call the Religious Education office.

**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:**

- † We are in **GREAT 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.
- † 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.

**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

**NOTICE TO OUR FRIENDS TRAVELING TO THE GRAND CANYON OF PA.**

A meeting will be held in the Gathering Room of the church on **Monday, Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**

We will review the itinerary, hand out your luggage tags and answer any questions you may have. You also have to give us your choice of entree for the 2<sup>nd</sup> evening out and we will collect \$10 per person for tips. If you cannot attend, please contact Anna or Josie.

AUGUST 20, 2017

## Come... Join Us...



*Ascension Parish's Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Washington, NJ (The Blue Army)*

*Saturday, September 9, 2017  
to celebrate*

*The Birthday of our Blessed Mother*

- + 9:00am Bus Departs Ascension Church Parking Lot  
*(Bring your own lunch; lunch will be in the picnic area.)*
- + 10:30am Confessions - Upper Shrine
- + 1:30pm Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
- + 5:00pm Candlelight Rosary Procession with Pilgrim Virgin Statue
- + 6:00pm Bus Departs Shrine for Ascension.
- + There will be ample time to visit the Holy House, Rosary Gardens, the Way of the Cross, and many other shrines and gift shops.

**DRESS CODE:** A strict Dress Code is enforced at the Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Comfortable shoes are suggested. Slacks for women are permitted. Shorts are NOT permitted for males or females over the age of 11. Tank tops, halters, sundresses, mini-skirts, skin-tight and revealing attire are NOT permitted.

Fill out the Registration Form below and return with your check for \$25.00  
(made payable to: Church of the Ascension)

in an envelope marked "**Shrine Trip**" and drop it in the rectory mail slot.

**Deadline: Wednesday, September 6th.** Your check is your reservation.

For further information, please call: Anna Giella (201) 265-9435, or Mel Mintz (201) 921-1144.



*Ascension Parish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary*

### REGISTRATION FORM

**Deadline: Wednesday, September 6th.**  
Your check is your reservation.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

## TWENTIETH 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, Airman First Class, James Penser, Goodfellow, 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...”*

**Florence Anne Sanford, Hilario B. Galvez, Jr.,  
Ramon Abuedo**

*...and a time for every purpose under heaven”*

*Ecclesiastes 3:11*



### **Sunday, August 20, 2017**

Baptism – 1:00pm - Church

### **Monday, August 21, 2017**

No events

### **Tuesday, August 22, 2017**

No events

### **Wednesday, August 23, 2017**

Harrison House

Novena – 7:30pm - Church

### **Thursday, August 24, 2017**

No events

### **Friday, August 25, 2017**

No events

### **Saturday, August 26, 2017**

Confession – 11:00am – Church

### **Sunday, August 27, 2017**

No events

### **Monday, August 28, 2017**

Parish Trip Meeting – 7:00pm – Gathering Room

### **Tuesday, August 29, 2017**

No events

### **Wednesday, August 30, 2017**

Novena – 7:30pm - Church

### **Thursday, August 31, 2017**

No events

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

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



**Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal**

Thank you to the 173 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. **We are currently at \$35,549.00** 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**

**FUND RAISER FOR FATHER HILARY**

Here's your opportunity to learn how to prepare the delicious Greek specialty Spanakopita (Spinach Pie). On Thursday & Friday, August 24 & 25, from 10am-1pm, Marguerite Raptopoulos will have a cooking demonstration in her home. You will prepare, taste and take home your own Greek delicacy. All donations (minimum of \$15.00) will be given to Father Hilary to go towards his scholarship fund. Please call the rectory office 201-836-8961 to reserve your place for either date.

**HELP NEEDED**

**If you would like to help, two months out of the year with the cleaning and preparing of the Altar Linens (purificators) please contact the rectory office.**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**2018 MASS BOOK**

**IS NOW OPEN**

**\*Please print clearly using Request Form (forms may be found at doors of church, on our parish website or in the rectory office)**

**\*No Requests will be taken over the phone, fax or e-mail**



"Dear Father Milliken,

On behalf of the Litter Sisters of the Poor and the Residents of St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly, I wish to thank you and your parish community for the charitable donations amounting to \$2,110.00 received at our recent Door Collection at the Church of the Ascension.

We are most grateful for the generous response to our appeal, which is an affirmation of the generosity and friendship of your parishioners, and their commitment to our mission of serving the elderly in our care.

The Little Sisters of the Poor and our Residents will keep you and your parish family in our daily prayers. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is also offered monthly in all of our Homes throughout the world for the intentions of our Friends and Benefactors.

Gratefully yours,  
 Sister Lorraine, I.s.p."

**HELP KEEP OUR FOOD PANTRY STOCKED THIS SUNDAY IS FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY**

For our August 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-Tea Bags-Cranberry Juice-Egg Noodles-Grated Cheese-Jell-O-Mayonnaise-Sugar-Laundry Detergent-Napkins-Lentil Soup-Facial Tissue-Toothpaste-Hair Conditioner-Laundry Detergent



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