

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



Catechetical Sunday

Sunday, September 17, 2017

5:30 Manuel Garcia
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Theodore Bates
11:30 The Marra Family

Monday, September 18, 2017

7:00 Lillian Pullman
8:30 Special Intention

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

7:00 Dolores Doherty
8:30 Elizabeth "Betty" Woods

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

7:00 Con & Rose Lynch
8:30 Soledad Santos

Thursday, September 21, 2017

7:00 Lloyd Lam
8:30 Special Intention

Friday, September 22, 2017

7:00 Thanksgiving
8:30 Al Giella

Saturday, September 23, 2017

8:30 Special Intention
5:30 Angelina Iuliano

Sunday, September 24, 2017

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Joseph Caruso
11:30 Gregory James Poli

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

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| September 11, 2016: | \$4,950.00 |
| September 10, 2017: | \$5,147.00 |
| Maintenance & Repairs: | \$2,146.00 |
| Hurricane Harvey: | \$1,000.00 |

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

Readings for Sunday September 24, 2017

Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

We can waste so much of our lives fighting God. Somehow we think that we actually know better than God. This thought comes out in many different ways, but the common way is through dissatisfaction with our lives. We look at our lives, and then we look at the lives of others who seem to have it better than ourselves. We wonder why we have to deal with so many problems, while it looks like other people are free of the worries that bother us so much. Why doesn't God change the way my life is going?

But often all we are looking at is the surface of life. We come to very hasty and shallow conclusions about things. We don't want to do the hard work of thinking more deeply about things. Reflection takes effort and can't be done in a hurry. But reflection and God-awareness leads to wisdom, rather than just to thoughtless judgments.

The simple fact of the matter is: we do not understand the mind and heart of God. "...my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord". Of course, the trick is to live with that reality instead of constantly fighting it. That is why the inner spiritual journey is one that we all need to be on. If we live only on the surface, we will always be fighting the apparent inequality of life, always wondering why our life is the way it is, constantly looking at other people's lives, wishing we could have their lives instead of the ones we find so difficult to live.

No doubt about it — today's Gospel calls us to see things from an entirely different point of view. May God grant us the grace to know and believe in our hearts that God's way is always the best way.

✘ As we celebrate **CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**, let me take this opportunity, on behalf of all in this parish, to recognize our parish catechists who give of themselves so generously and unselfishly in this most important work of bringing the good news of Jesus to others. These include those who work with our children as teachers, substitutes, and aides, Children's Liturgy of the Word, those who work with our baptism and marriage preparation programs, RCIA, Small Christian Communities, Open Our Hearts Lenten Groups, CFM, adult spirituality, and the Ministry of the Word.

A big "**Thank You**" to all of you! May God bless you in your faithful stewardship!

We will celebrate **Catechetical Sunday** at 9:30am Mass followed by parent/student meeting at 10:45am in the Fr. Benedict Center and School.

Religious Education classes will be starting this week. Please check the bulletin for the times of the class sessions. Also, now that Religious Education classes have begun, please be extra careful driving on the church and school grounds.

✘ ATTENTION, LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS...

In order to have an opportunity to pray together and to review the procedures associated with your ministry, we will meet in the church: **LECTORS** on Tuesday, September 19th at 7:30pm and **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** on Tuesday, September 26th at 7:30pm. It is imperative that you attend these sessions so that you can continue to serve in your ministry with knowledge and reverence.

✘ Please help us to collect food for the hungry. Join us in the **Action Against Hunger** next Sunday, September 24th, from 12 Noon to 4:00pm at Shop-Rite in New Milford. We will be collecting non-perishable food items and cash donations.

✘ Next Sunday, September 24th, a solemn Mass will be celebrated at 3pm in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark to honor the Filipino Martyrs **San Lorenzo Ruiz and San Pedro Calungsod**.

✘ Don't forget to put this on your calendar: October 7 (Saturday)...**The Beat Tells**...impersonating the Beatles...Fr. Benedict Center...\$20 pre-sale, \$25 at door.

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

Fr. David



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Faculty on Retreat

On Wednesday, August 30th, Msgr. Arnholds led the staff of Transfiguration Academy on a morning retreat. During the retreat, the staff reflected on the experiences in their life that helped form them into the Christian they are today.

At Transfiguration Academy, all of the staff see themselves as Catechists for our students, responsible for passing on the faith in everything we do. We strive to provide all of our students with varied experiences that will help them become faithful followers of Christ. If you are looking to enhance your child's faith with spiritual as well as intellectual experiences, consider Transfiguration for your child's educational needs.

Upcoming events:

Friday, October 13: For just \$45, a local artist will guide you and your friends through two hours of painting, drinking, and laughing 'til your cheeks hurt. The best part? You don't have to be an artist to have an amazing time. Please go to https://www.paintnite.com/events/_1220466 to register by September 29. Part of the registration fee benefits the Academy.

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. To learn more about our academic, athletic, and fine arts curriculum or to schedule a tour of our Academy, located at 10 Bradley Ave in Bergenfield, please email principal@transfigurationacademy.org or call the school office at 201-384-3627. Transfiguration Academy is an investment in your child's future and much more affordable than you would expect. **Transfiguration Academy: Strengthening faith, Enlightening minds, and Transforming hearts...one student at a time.**

Open House at Saint Peter's Prep

Saint Peter's Preparatory School will be holding its 2017 Fall Open House on Sunday, October 1, from 1:00 – 4:00 at the school's campus in historic downtown Jersey City. Faculty and staff as well as coaches, students and parents, will be present to answer questions about the school, and tours of the campus will be provided. Founded in 1872, Saint Peter's Prep is an independent, college preparatory school for boys and it remains New Jersey's only Jesuit high school. For more information, please call 201-547-6389.



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Calendar:

- Sunday, September 17th – Catechetical Sunday Mass at 9:30 AM
- Sunday, September 17th -- Mandatory Parent/ Student Meeting for K- 9th grades at 10:45 am in Fr. Benedict Center (SCH)
- Monday, September 18th – 7th Grades from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Sunday, September 24th -- Pre- K thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH)

Please note the change in our hours for classes this 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. Students are asked to be here by 6:55 pm in order to start at 7 pm sharp.

Volunteers Needed:

- † We are in NEED of Substitute Catechists 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:

- Monday – Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – In Rectory
- Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm – In School
- Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon – In School
- Closed: Thursday & Saturday
- Other times by appointment



**FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND**

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

Ascension Parishioners... Family...Friends...Neighbors...
Let's Get Together & Share some fun with...

The Beat Tells

Impersonators of the Beatles



Saturday, October 7, 2017
Church of the Ascension

256 Azalea Drive
New Milford, NJ

Fr. Benedict Center (School Gym)

at 8:00 P.M.

(Doors open at 7:30 P.M.)

\$20.00* per person

(*25.00 at the door)

- ◆ Bring your own food and beverages
- ◆ Buy early to get the lower rate...limited seating
- ◆ Any questions, contact Bob Quinn at 201-836-6105



(Detach and return form below to the Rectory Office with payment)



The Beat Tells

Ticket Reservations

(Return by Sunday, October 1, 2017)



Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

_____ Number of Tickets @ \$20.00*

\$ _____ Amount Enclosed

* 8 people to a table



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, Eileen Kloeblen, Erlinda Habana, Richard Tabettie, 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.

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11

September

Sunday, September 17, 2017

Catechetical Sunday

Food Pantry Sunday

9:30am Mass with Commissioning of Catechists

Mandatory Parent Meeting – 10:45am – FBCtr.

Baptism – 1:00pm - Church

Monday, September 18, 2017

Food Pantry distribution

Religious Education (grade 7) – 7:30pm – School

CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Mtg. Room

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Parish Trip to PA day (leaves)

Parish Lectors’ – 7:30pm - Church

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

Parish Trip to PA

Novena – 7:30pm – Church

Boy Scouts – 7:30pm – Fr. Benedict Center

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

Combined Choirs – 8:15pm - Church

Thursday, September 21, 2017

Parish Trip to PA (home)

Friday, September 22, 2017

No events

Saturday, September 23, 2017

Confessions 11:00am – Church

Children’s Choir – 4:15pm – Church

Animal Shelter Collection through October 4

Sunday, September 24, 2017

Second Collection for Fr. Hilary’ Scholarship

Religious Education Pre-K- Grade 6 – 10:45 – School

Action Against Hunger 12 noon-4pm

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.

BUS TRIP.....TO ATLANTIC CITY

Ascension is sponsoring a trip to honor the memory of Marge Bruno & Doris Piro



RESORTS

Monday, October 9, 2017

The bus will leave the Ascension parking lot at 9:00am. Tickets are available for \$30.00/per person (rebate of \$25.00). **Please call Lisa 201-983-9888 for reservations.** Make your checks payable to Church of the Ascension, and drop off at the rectory in an envelope marked “Atlantic City Trip/Resorts”.



Meetings

**PARISH LECTORS’ MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPT. 19TH, 7:30PM
IN THE CHURCH**

FUND RAISER FOR FATHER HILARY

Here’s your opportunity to learn how to prepare the delicious Greek specialty Spanakopita (Spinach Pie). On Friday, October 6, 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) **by October 2**, to reserve your place.



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 \$35,249.00** 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

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.

HELP KEEP OUR FOOD PANTRY STOCKED FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

For our September 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.

- Vegetarian Chili*Apple Sauce*Apple Juice*Raisins*
- Beef Stew*Grape Juice*Mandarin Oranges*Crackers*
- Cranberry Juice*Grated Cheese*Tomato Paste*
- Jell-O*Olives*Coffee*Chicken Gravy*
- Salad Dressings*Tea*Flour*Laundry Detergent*
- Egg Noodles*Napkins*Facial Tissue*Hair Conditioner

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)

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| 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: _____

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

BUS TRIP – TO ATLANTIC CITY

Saturday, September 30, 2017



Come Ride with Us To



The Filipino Community of Ascension Church is sponsoring a Fundraising trip.

Leaving Ascension parking lot at 8:30am.

The cost of the trip is \$35.00/per person with casino voucher back of \$30.00.

**Make your check payable to:
Church of the Ascension.**

**For further information, please call:
Sophie Flores (201) 385-2817**

HELP ANIMALS IN NEED IN THE SPIRIT OF ST. FRANCIS

During September, up until the 8th of October, we will be collecting needed items for local animal shelters. Many shelters are in greater need than usual as they have graciously taken in animals displaced by the disasters in Texas and Florida. Below is a list of items that are in great need. We will also accept gift cards from local Pet Stores, or cash donations. Please hand your gift cards of monetary donations to one of our priests to insure they get to the right people.

Let us embrace these beautiful creations of our God as St. Francis showed us, and bring them some much needed care until they find their own loving homes.

- Pedigree wet dog food*Purina Kitten Dry food*Nutro dry lamb n rice dog food*Bleach*Friskies kitten canned food*Laundry Detergent*Friskies canned cat food*Paper Towels*Fancy first canned cat food*Sponges*Fancy first kitten canned food*Hefty Tall Kitchen Garbage Bags*Purina indoor dry cat food*Fabulous disinfectant*Meow mix dry cat food*Toys for cats or dogs*Treats for Cats or Dogs*Clean used towels*Clean used sheets*Shoe boxes*

Anything you deem suitable for shelter animals will be greatly appreciated. God Bless you for your continued generosity.

TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY

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. For info. Call Josie (201) 265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632. Cancellation ins. is available. Checks are payable to Ascension Church and can be dropped off at the rectory. **Please indicate on the outside envelope New York City trip.**