

Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**Sunday, September 24, 2017**

- 5:30 Angelina Iuliano
- 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 9:30 Joseph Caruso
- 11:30 Gregory James Poli

**Monday, September 25, 2017**

- 7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
- 8:30 Gregory James Poli

**Tuesday, September 26, 2017**

- 7:00 Peggy Evans, Birthday (L)
- 8:30 Marcela Zuniga

**Wednesday, September 27, 2017**

- 7:00 Dolores Doherty
- 8:30 Amelia Lobo

**Thursday, September 28, 2017**

- 7:00 Rose Caruso
- 8:30 Jose Ignacio Zuniga

**Friday, September 29, 2017**

- 7:00 Samuel Maurice Miiller
- 8:30 Leandro Cabacoy

**Saturday, September 30, 2017**

- 8:30 John Trimarchi
- 5:30 Marlene Hellriegel

**Sunday, October 1, 2017**

- 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 9:30 Abraham Thomas
- 11:30 Manuel Garcia

**PARISH  STEWARDSHIP  
REPORT**

***WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH***

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

September 18, 2016:	\$5,762.00
September 17, 2017:	\$5,886.00
Food Pantry:	\$1,528.00

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

**Readings for Sunday  
October 1, 2017**

**Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or  
2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32**



May I take this opportunity to express my most heartfelt gratitude to the Church of Ascension Parish, New Milford. Within this short period spent with and amongst you, I really felt the touch of kindness and friendship. It has been a time stuffed with good memories.

A big hug of thanks to Fr. David. I have known him for only a year but it feels like I have known him for a lifetime. The time spent with Fr. David is one of the best I have ever experienced in a Rectory. He treated me like a brother and a friend: a glaring example of the fraternal love among priests. He has been so caring and accommodating. I am full of admiration for his dedication to pastoral responsibilities, his love for order and his diligence as regards the liturgy. It is also very inspiring to see a priest who is happy despite the obvious difficulties of the priestly life, Fr. David is a happy priest.

I also thank the Parish office staff. They have been a good and reliable team. Working with them has been so lovely.

A huge thanks to all the members of the Ascension Parish for your warm welcome and the love that radiates in you. My daily contact with you has always been enriching. Also, I really cherished your Parish activities especially your liturgy, it is a liturgy that breathes! Thank you so much.

From the heart, may I appreciate the benevolence and generosity of some Parish members who gave their time and resources to see that I was comfortable. They were always there, making sure I am never in a lack. Your care really made me feel so much at home in Ascension. You are quite numerous that I cannot mention your names, but God knows your name. All I can give back are these inadequate words of gratitude and my daily prayers for you.

In the same vein, I remain indebted to the entire Ascension Family for the **act of providence** they worked in my life. My going back to Rome to continue with my Studies is all thanks to Fr. David and the entire parishioners. Actually, I was meant to suspend my studies in Rome for lack of scholarship or funding but for the kindness and charity of the Church of Ascension Family. Your generosity did offset a percentage of my study cost, giving me an encouraging leap to continue with my studies uninterrupted. May the Good Lord who knows how best to reward, grant you his blessings.

Saying *Thank You* seems so insufficient but I can find no words that truly express my feelings appropriately, so I will stick with those two simple words with the hope that you know the depth of gratitude they contain.

***Fr. Hilary***



## TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

### Opening School Mass

The students and faculty of Transfiguration Academy celebrated the Opening of School with a special Mass on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Msgr. Richard Arnhols, Pastoral Administrator of the Academy, officiated, assisted by Deacon Jim Detura.

In his homily, Msgr. Arnhols used the occasion to reflect on the hopes and dreams that Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne, would have had for their child when she was first born, as Mary and Joseph surely would have had at the birth of Jesus, too. What would they become? What contribution might they make to our world? Because all were prayerful people, open to what God wanted, they were able to discern God's hopes and desires for their lives, and, with the help of His grace, were able to fulfill them, for our salvation.

When each of us were born, students, teachers, parents, parishioners, our parents had the same questions about what we might become, how we might make our world a better place. They dreamed dreams of our future. Transfiguration Academy helps us to learn, in all our academic subjects, how God is part of all life and is calling us to use all our gifts to reach our full potential. Ultimately, God calls us to love and serve Him completely, and care for others around us, wherever they may be.

At the end of the Mass, Msgr. Arnhols offered a blessing for the students as they began this new year of study and formation.

### 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](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. 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.



### Calendar:

Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> -- Pre- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)

Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grades from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> -- Pre- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)

### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word will start on Sunday, October 2, 2016 at the 9 am Mass. All children in Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.

First Reconciliation Parents, there is a **Mandatory Parent Meeting on Sunday October 8, 2017** at 10:45 am in the Fr. Davis Multi-purpose room. At least one parent must attend, but both are more than welcome.

### 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

### 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.**

SEPTEMBER 24, 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\*  
\* 8 people to a table

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed



**PRAY FOR . . .**

*“To everything there is a season...*

*“time to be born...”*

**Emily Alexa LaGrenade**

*“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, Richard Winters, 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, PFC Ian Belthoff, U.S. Marine Corps., Cherry Point, NC, 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



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns this week in loving memory of **Gregory James Poli**



**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

**Monday, September 25, 2017**

Religious Education (grade 8) – 7:30pm – School

CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Mtg. Room

**Tuesday, September 26, 2017**

Parish Eucharistic Ministers’ Meeting – 7:30pm-Church

**Wednesday, September 27, 2017**

Harrison House

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 28, 2017**

San Lorenzo Ruiz

**Friday, September 29, 2017**

No events

**Saturday, September 30, 2017**

Confessions 11:00am – Church

Children’s Choir – 4:15pm – Church

Animal Shelter Collection through October 4

**Sunday, October 1, 2017**

**Parish Maintenance & Repairs**

Respect for Life Giving Crib

Animal Shelter Collection

Children’s Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am Church/GRm

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

Baptism Prep – 1:00pm – Gathering Room



Meetings

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017  
AT 7:30PM IN THE 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.

**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.

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

***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”.



**Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal**

Thank you to the 179 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. **We are currently at \$35,589.00** 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**

**TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY**

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. 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.**

**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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✘ This week we bid farewell to **Fr. Hilary**. What a blessing he has been to Ascension Parish. Let us thank him for sharing himself with his friendship, reflective homilies and holiness. May God continue to bless Fr. Hilary in his studies in Rome. We are certainly glad to have had him with us again this summer. We hope and pray he can return next summer.

✘ **ATTENTION, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS...**

In order to have an opportunity to pray together and to review the procedures associated with your ministry, we will meeting in the church: on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. It is imperative that you attend this session so that you can continue to serve in your ministry with knowledge and reverence.

✘ On Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, we will gather at 4pm in our Blessed Mother's courtyard to celebrate our annual **Blessing of Animals** in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. We invite you to bring your pets, large and small, to receive God's special blessing.

We have placed a donation box in the vestibule of the church for donations for those animals who are awaiting homes that are in nearby shelters. Donations of money, food, treats, toys, clean towels or blankets, as well as cleaning products would be greatly appreciated. If you are bringing your pet to the blessing, you may bring donation items then as well. If you know of others who are not part of our parish, but bring their animals to be blessed, please ask them also to bring a donation.

✘ 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 the door.

**BUS TRIP – TO CAESARS IN ATLANTIC CITY**  
**Saturday, September 30, 2017**

**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 8<sup>th</sup> of October, we will be collecting needed items for local animal shelters. 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\*