



The Dome

ASCENSION CHURCH OF OAK PARK

*A Stewardship Parish, Sharing Our God-Given Gifts in Service
September 11, 2011, Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Forgiveness

Take time this week to reflect and pray over today's Reading's: Sirach 27:30-28:9; Psalm 103; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As St. Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

For us Americans on the tenth anniversary of September 11, 2001, forgiveness still does not come easily. Yet Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

© Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

To help prepare for the Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 145; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Welcome to Ascension Church

If you are new to our church or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not a home to you, we invite you to become part of our parish family. Our church is open to anyone looking for a spiritual home. Parish Registration forms are at all church entrances or you can also download a form at www.ascensionchurch.com (Administration/Forms/Join the Parish).

We are glad you're here and hope you will come back again for Mass or to become a parishioner.

ASCENSION CHURCH

Parish Center: 808 S. East Ave.
Oak Park, IL 60304
Tel.: 708-848-2703
Fax: 708-848-2773

Office hours:

M-Th: 8 AM - 8 PM
Friday: 8 AM - 4 PM
S/S: 8:30 AM -1:30 PM

Bulletin Articles

ascensiondome@msn.com

E-Mail

ascensionchurch@comcast.net
Personnel can be reached by first
initial last name

@ascensionchurch.com

Web-sites

www.ascensionchurch.com
www.ascension-school.com
www.archdiocese-chgo.org

Pastor

Rev. Larry McNally 848-2703

Pastoral Associate

Victoria M. Tufano 434-1533

Director of Institutional Advancement

Lynn Fredrick 434-1558

Director of Music

David Anderson 434-1535

Director of Religious Education

Christine Ondrla 848-3099

Director of Youth Ministry

Daniel Lawler 434-1555

School Principal

Mary Jo Burns 386-7282

Parish Office Support Staff

Financial Secretary:

Mary Pat Landa (M-F) x221

Administrative Secretary:

Rosemarie Nowicki (M-W) x231

Sacramental Secretaries:

Joanna Cundari (PM: M,Th) x230

Deedee Ralston (PM: T,W) x230

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Robert A. Cross

Weekend Assistant

Rev. Ray Guiao, SJ

Deacon Couples

Lendell & Tina Richardson

Roger & Betty Vandervest

Joe & Kathie Walsh

Infant & Toddler Care is available
during the 9 & 11 a.m. Masses in the
Cry Room of the Church.

From the Pastor

DEAR FAMILY OF ASCENSION,

Greetings! On behalf of my family, I want to thank you, my Family of Ascension, for the outpouring of sympathy and prayers for our Uncle, Fr. Larry. I thank you so very much for all the kind words you spoke about him and for sharing stories about him. I thank the many who came to my Uncle's Memorial Mass and prayed with us as we celebrated his earthly life and his passing into eternal life. I thank ALL who brought the wonderful and delicious desserts for our luncheon after Mass. My Uncle loved his visits here and I certainly know why. Thank you for your warm and gracious welcome to him and making him feel at home. May my uncle rest at home now with God, and may God bless you for your many, many acts of kindnesses towards him in this life and at his death. I THANK YOU!

I would like to thank Bill Komala for his 15 years of leadership of our Parish's Maintenance Committee. The Maintenance Committee was formed on October 6, 1996, and Bill has been our leader ever since. Under Bill's leadership, and with a great team effort of many parish volunteers, much has been accomplished. And for that, Bill, and ALL who were part of all that hard and creative work, we thank you. Bill will be going into retirement now and plans on catching up on home projects that have been on hold. Karen, Bill's wife, will be retiring herself in the beginning of 2012 and they look forward to having more time to travel, etc. Thanks, Bill, for everything.

On behalf of our 8:15 a.m. daily Mass attendees, I want to thank Jim Crowley for the ice cold water that he provided during these past two hot and humid months. Thanks, Jim, for your kindness.

Also, on behalf of Mary Jo Burns and our Ascension School Committee, I invite all parishioners to join us on Wednesday, September 14, at 9:15 a.m. for our opening *Mass of the Holy Spirit* to begin our new school year. Please come and pray with us.

Today, two remembrances of 9/11/01 will take place. The first is at the Belmont Home, which is located at 1035 W. Madison, beginning at 1 p.m. The guest speaker is Chet Taranowski of Aon Services, who was quite involved in planning and providing services to Aon employees and their families during the September 11th catastrophe. (See page 7 for more information.) The other one is at St. Giles (1045 Columbian) beginning at 7 p.m. entitled, *Remembering 9/11/01 Prayer Service* (see last week's bulletin).

All men of our Parish are invited on Saturday, September 17, to a

(Continued on page 3)

(Continued from page 2)

Men's Spirituality gathering beginning with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Our speaker will be our very own wonderful Deacon Joe Walsh. Deacon Joe will share his reflection on Spirituality and Service (Joe himself is walking witness to that topic) in a four-fold process of listening, discussion, prayer and personal reflection. I hope the men of our parish will join us this coming Saturday. You do need to RSVP, so please do so by Thursday as per page 6.

Due to the implementation of the new translation of the Roman Missal beginning the weekend of November 26/27, we need to purchase new Hymnals. David has done much research on what is best for us so we are purchasing new *Gather* hymnals. Besides containing hymns, *Gather* also contains the weekend readings, thus eliminating our need for the current missalettes. Please see page 5 for further information and an order form. Your generous participation would be greatly appreciated. I know I will be purchasing some in memory of my parents and my recently departed favorite Uncle.

Speaking of the implementation of the new translation of the Roman Missal, please see page 4 for various ways our parish will introduce the information to help us have a better understanding of the changes coming up.

Our Parish Council meets next Wednesday, the 21st, at 7:30 p.m. If you have any ideas, suggestions or questions for us, please give me a call at 848-2703 or email me at lmcnally@ascensionchurch.com; someone on Council will get back to you.

The burnt out bulbs and ballasts in the church have been changed. I hope this will do it for fall and winter especially with the time change. Also, the light fixture that was hanging down on the north aisle has been refastened. Our new doors for the south side of the church should be here soon, and when they are installed the other Church doors will be repaired. Please be patient with us as we begin the post-Komala time since Bill was so good at what he called his "hit list"—keeping up with repairs.

New Horizon will gather on Tuesday, September 20, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in our Pine Room. New Horizon is our Parish Organization for parishioners 55 and older. I hope you all will join us.

Our Finance Committee will also meet next Tuesday, the

20th, at 7:30 p.m. If you have any questions or suggestions in light of Tom Brooker's recent talk on parish finances or the printed overview of our budget, please call me at 848-2703 or email me as indicated previously; again someone on the Committee will get back to you.

On September 11, 2001, I was in Ireland when the 120 minutes of horror began. I wasn't allowed to return home until September 20th. It was a very strange feeling to be so far away from my parish and mother and family with such a catastrophe going on; there was nothing that I could do but pray. And pray I did! On Friday, September 15, 2001, Ireland closed down all businesses, etc. to show their deep concern for the United States and to be in solidarity with us during these horrific events. Nothing was opened; it was a day of fasting and praying. When we landed on the 20th, all of us on board broke into applause. It was so very good to hear my mother's voice that day. I have to admit, it took some time before I could pray for those who caused 9/11, but now ten years later, every day, I pray for ALL who were involved.

I have become aware of two changes that have come about since 9/11. There seems to be more volunteering among the people of the United States; and I have noticed more respect for those men and women in the military. In Texas, when an overseas plane arrives and the members of the military march through the airport, everything stops and there is much applause. My prayer is, and I hope yours is too, that there be forgiveness and PEACE will come for ALL God's people everywhere.

Elsewhere in our DOME is a summary of last week's Offertory collection. I thank you for your generosity. I thank you for ALL that you do for our Family of Ascension.

I pray for you every day.

A snake was recently admitted into a hospital after being bitten by a man in three different places. Now there is a guy that doesn't rattle easily!

GOD'S BLESSINGS!



Countdown to the New Mass Translation

Now that fall is here (ok, not officially until September 23), final preparations for adopting the new translation of the Mass have begun at Ascension. Every Catholic parish in the United States is to begin using the new *Roman Missal* (the book with the prayers of the Mass) on the First Sunday of Advent, November 28—11 weeks from today.

We plan to use these 11 weeks well. Each Sunday's bulletin will have a brief article about a portion of the Mass, including the changes, if any, that will be made to what the assembly sings or says at that point in the liturgy. This will give us all an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of the Mass and our part in it.

On October 1-2, David Anderson will introduce a musical setting of the revised Gloria, which we will use from then on, as the liturgy requires. On the last weekend in October, we will learn and begin using new settings of the Eucharistic Prayer acclamations (Holy, Mystery of Faith, Amen).

On October 13 and November 10, Vicky Tufano and David Anderson will present sessions (the same one twice) on the changes, with some background information and a chance to ask questions. These will take place at 7:30 p.m., in the Pine Room, and last about 90 minutes. A similar session will take place Wednesday, October 26, at 9:00 a.m., in the Pine Room; coffee will be served! A Sunday morning session is pending. Anyone is welcome to any of these sessions. Other sessions will be offered for specific groups.

The introduction of this new translation is an opportunity and a challenge. It's an opportunity to deepen our knowledge of the central act of thanks and praise we offer to God, the Mass. It's a challenge because change is hard. If we prepare well for it, we will make the most of this opportunity and make the transition smoothly.

Fall Into Something New . . .

The Respect Life's *Forty Days for Life Campaign* is kicking off later this month and we have many interesting and exciting presentations you won't want to miss.

Please mark your calendar starting with Wednesday, September 28, at 6:00 p.m. for the beginning of our *40 Days* with prayers on the green and the blessing of a new sign that will be outside the Church. We will send out a detailed description of all our events in the coming weeks, but we want to highlight another one for you now so you can save the date in your calendars.

On Tuesday, October 18, in the Pine Room at 7:00 p.m., Leah Darrow, a contestant on *America's Next Top Model*, will be speaking. You won't want to miss her moving story and hear what an inspiration she is to our youth. We strongly encourage our teens and their families to attend!

Be a part of these *40 Days*; you will be moved, you will be inspired, you will be stronger in your faith, and you will meet some courageous people. We look forward to seeing you!

A Discussion on Immigration Reform

The Adult Formation and Peace and Justice Committees of Ascension Church invite you to join us for a discussion on immigration reform. Our discussion will be based on the pastoral letter from the bishops of the United States and Mexico, "Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope," which cites several social encyclicals, and several case studies. These are available at the Parish Center, and you are encouraged to read them ahead of time. We hope that some people whose lives are personally affected by immigration policies will be among the participants. This event will be in the Pine Room (lower level of the school) from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 22nd.

Bowlers Unite!

The **St. Edmund's Mixed League** is looking for bowlers. We will bowl the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month at 5:45 p.m. at Circle Lanes in Forest Park. You don't have to have a high average to have fun with this group. If interested, call Carole Murphy at 708-771-6018 or email her at carole.murphy3@att.net.

New Hymnals for the New Mass Translation

As the time draws near for the new translation of the Mass on the First Sunday of Advent, Ascension is planning several ways to make this transition as smooth as possible. One helpful tool for making this change will be a new hymnal.

The hymnal that we have chosen is ***Gather***, which contains the new translations of the people's parts of the Mass, including musical settings of the revised Mass acclamations. It also contains the hymns, psalms and canticles that our parish community already knows. Many of the songs in the supplement in the current hymnals are also included. A revision of our current hymnal, ***RitualSong***, is not available.

While we could use the current hymnals with an additional supplement, new books with the new texts will lessen the confusion as we make this change, and they will serve us for many years.

Donor plates will be available for each book. These can be personalized, for example:

Given by the Smith Family.

Gift of Elizabeth Jones.

In Memory of Martin Smith.

Given by John Smith in Memory of Martha Jones.

In Thanksgiving for God's Blessings.

In Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Mary and Tim Jones, September 10, 2011.

Gift of Mary and Tim Jones in Thanksgiving for 25 Years of Marriage.

A stewardship note: Our current hymnals, ***RitualSong***, are relatively new. We bought them knowing that the changes in the Mass were coming, but no one knew when, and our old hymnals needed to be replaced. We plan to send half of our current books to a low-income parish that has asked for them. The remainder will be made available to any parishioner who might like to have a copy at home.

We are asking for your help. Each new hymnal will cost \$20, which includes shipping costs. If you can help, please use the form below and drop it in the collection basket or send it to the parish office. Or you can make your gift online at www.ascensionchurch.com, select *Support Ascension Parish* from the left column, and follow the prompts to the giving page. Include the plate inscription in the comments box.

Questions? Contact David Anderson at danderson@ascensionchurch.com or 708-434-1535.

Thank you for supporting Ascension's ministry of prayer and song.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____ email _____

I would like to donate _____ ***Gather*** hymnal(s) @ \$20.00 per book.

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ (cash or check)

Make check payable to Ascension Church; write *hymnal* in the memo line.

Inscription for the donor plate:

For multiple hymnals, please use a separate sheet for each donor plate.

Ascension Parish's Men's Spirituality Group

So Jesus took a towel...

Spirituality & Service



Deacon Joe Walsh

... has been a deacon at Ascension for the past two years, is a trained spiritual director and has been a member of Ascension parish for over 60 years.



Men...

- How do you discern what service activities are for you?
- What values, beliefs, and current life commitments influence your decision?
- After committing, how do you stay on track?
- How do you figure out "when to hold'em and when to fold'em," in your chosen service activity?

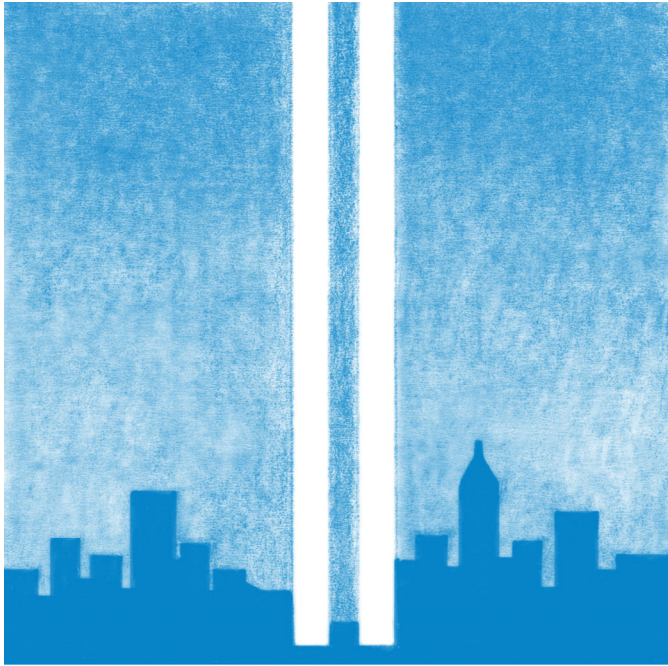
•Deacon Joe will lead us in a process of listening, discussion, prayer and personal reflection on this important topic, which also happens to be our parish focus this year.

When ► Saturday, 17 September 2011
7:30 - 9:30

Where ► The Pine Room

A light breakfast will be served.

To register, call the Parish Center
(848-2703) by September 15.



IN REMEMBRANCE OF
SEPTEMBER 11

Peace and Justice Invitation

Ascension's Peace and Justice Committee resumes meetings this Monday, September 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center Chapel. At this meeting topics for the upcoming year will be discussed. Interested parishioners are encouraged to attend and share their perspectives.

Thanks, Everyone!

Thank you to the many friends who helped make Ascension's Summer Lunch Program for the homeless a success. Whether you cooked, baked, set up, cleaned up, or made a donation, please know that through your generosity 75 men, women and children were served. We would not have been able to provide food, clothing, and toiletries to so many of our less fortunate brothers and sisters without your assistance. A special note of thanks to Father Larry for his enthusiasm and support of this program.

Carol Ford & Mary Stapleton

***Living with Faith and Hope
after September 11, 2001***

Following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued *A Pastoral Message: Living with Faith and Hope after September 11*.

The message remains extremely relevant as we reflect on what happened ten years ago today. Visit www.usccb.org and search on "9/11" to re-read, reflect on, and pray with the bishops' statement, for only with God's help can we have the strength to forgive and the ability to live in hope instead of fear and hatred.

Belmont Village Invites Us

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

1:00 - 3:30 P.M.

1035 MADISON, OAK PARK

Please join us and Oak Park and Illinois dignitaries as we pay tribute to the Oak Park area's first responders and those called to duty after the 9/11 attacks. After the presentations, we will celebrate the American spirit with a family-friendly barbeque, including music and games.

Speaker Chet Taranowski, PhD has been the Employee Assistance Coordinator at Aon Services Corporation for the last 18 years. Dr. Taranowski was extensively involved in planning and providing services to Aon employees and their families during the September 11 World Trade Center catastrophe.

For more information or to RSVP, please call 708-848-7200.

***Remember we are now collecting
new or clean, gently used winter
coats, hats, scarves and gloves for
PADS guests. We also accept Gift
Cards that you can purchase from
the Parish Office for
Kohls, Target or Walmart.***

Come Join Us . . .

Members of our Parish Council will be joining others at the Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD) on Saturday, September 24th. We are scheduled to work from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon re-boxing food supplies for re-distribution.

We are looking for volunteers from Ascension Parish to join us!

If you are older than 18, and wish to join us, please contact the Parish Office, 708-848-2703, and leave your name and an email address. We will add you to our list and contact you with all the information you need. We have spots for ten (10) volunteers. We hope you can join us for this *Service Project*.

Rich Hillengas, PC Chair

Trivia Night!

Tailgating in the Pine Room? Eighty opportunities to demonstrate just how brilliant you are! The chance to win a cash prize while enjoying a fun evening with friends and family. All these things are possible if you join us for Ascension's, first ever, Trivia Night, Friday, October 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Pine Room.

Registration forms are available at the Parish Office or you can register online at www.ascensionchurch.com.

New Eucharistic Ministers: A Call to Service

We are looking for those members of Ascension Parish who feel a call to service in the Eucharistic Ministry, serving their fellow parishioners in the role of an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist at Mass. For those who are interested, we will have formation and a training session at 9:00 a.m. this Saturday, September 17, in the Church

So we know how many plan to attend, please drop me an e-mail at rtcreed@comcast.net or leave a message at 708-227-2698. If this is inconvenient for you, please let me know an alternative date that might work.

Bob Creed

Readings for the Week

Monday	1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday	1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 98; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Thursday	1 Tm 4:12-16; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Friday	1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday	1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15

Feast Days

Tuesday:	St. John Chrysostom
Saturday:	St. Robert Bellarmine

P.O.L.O. (Parents of Little Ones), You Are Invited . . .

To join us for a family gathering at Rehm Park to enjoy coffee, juice and donuts from 9 to 11 a.m. (after the 7:30 and 9 a.m. Masses) next Sunday, September 18. The park is located at Garfield and East Ave.; look for a table just east of the playground. We hope you can make it! In case of rain, the event will be cancelled.

Also, we will be meeting at Randolph Tot Lot (corner of Randolph and Grove) on Wednesday, September 21, from 8 to 10 a.m. Feel free to stop by any time during this 2-hour period. In case of rain, we will email an alternate location prior to the day's event. If you have any questions, suggestions or would like to be added to our email list, please call or email Juliette Dols at 773-220-7939 or juliettedols@gmail.com.

Christ the Lord: "The Road to Cana"

Please join us for a discussion of the New York Times Bestseller, *Christ the Lord: The Road to Cana*, by Anne Rice, on Thursday, September 29, in the Parish Center Dining Room from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. The author undertakes to present a realistic, fictional portrait of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, and the events leading up to the Wedding Feast at Cana and the beginning of his ministry. Copies of the book are available at Maze Library. Parishioner Brendan Nelligan will lead the discussion, and refreshments will be served.

Mass Attendance

Mass Attendance1,087

Financial Update

Total Weekly Offering \$18,574.50

Weekly Need \$19,275.00



YTD Budget \$192,750.00

YTD Offering \$169,901.37

Deficit (\$22,848.63)

The above is the report for your weekly and holy day contributions which represent approximately 40% of the overall parish operating income. The additional 60% of operating fund income comes through tuition, fees, fundraising and designated giving. Ascension Parish is entirely funded by private donations. Thank you for your kind and generous support of all the ministries of our community.



CAPITAL DEBT \$168,637.21

Ekklesia Celebrates 33 Lecture Years

We start the new season of Christian adult education series with a program on *Meeting Christians Worldwide: The Art of Global Hospitality* at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, September 14th. Dean Lueking, M.Div.; Ph.D.; the former pastor of Grace Lutheran (River Forest), author, and globetrotter, will speak at St. Giles McDonough Hall, 1101 N. Columbian, Oak Park.

The lecture fee is \$6 for each program; \$20 for the fall series of five lectures. The program site is wheelchair accessible. The fall series is titled “*We Abide in God’s Creating Love.*”

Meetings and Events

Today	September 11	
Good Shepherd	S/CP/LI/LL/PR	9&10 am
RCIA	209 & 215	9:30 am
Extending the Word	Dining Room	10:00 am
Boy Scout Registration	Pine Room	12:00 pm
Monday	September 12	
Drama	Pine Room	3:00 pm
School Board	Dining Room	7:00 pm
UPAJ Exe Comm	Pine Room	7:00 pm
P & J Meeting	Chapel	7:30 pm
Rel Ed Bd Meeting	REO	7:30 pm
Tuesday	September 13	
WSSR Volleyball	Gym	6:00 pm
Rel Ed Classes	S/CP/LL/PR	6:55 pm
Schola	Church	7:30 pm
Wednesday	September 14	
Choristers	Church	3:15 pm
Good Shepherd	DR/CP/LL	3:30 pm
TT Team Meetings	LL	7:00 pm
Choir	Church	7:30 pm
Thursday	September 15	
Little Rock Bible Study	Dining Room	9:00 am
Drama	Pine Room	3:00 pm
Confirmation Meeting	Pine Room	7:00 pm
Ministers of Care	Dining Room	7:00 pm
Respect Life	Chapel	7:00 pm
Diaconate Formation	215	7:30 pm
Friday	September 16	
Girl Scout 40727	Pine Room	3:00 pm
Saturday	September 17	
Men’s Spiritual Form	Pine Room	7:30 am
Work Ministry	Dining Room	7:30 am
Euch Ministers’ Trng	Church	9:00 am
Sunday	September 18	
Good Shepherd	S/CP/LI/LL/PR	9&10 am
RCIA	209 & 215	9:30 am
Extending the Word	Dining Room	10:00 am

Bridge Players Unite

The [St. Giles Bridge Club](#) is seeking one team for its upcoming season. The group plays the 4th Monday evening of the month at St. Giles.

The group is also looking for new players to add to its list of substitutes. For further details, call Marilyn Kamm at 708-220-0258.

Banns of Marriage

III Ivan Ramos & Stephanie Ramos

II Dan Lawler & Kelly Von Ebers

Pray for the Sick

Marty Biau, Sarah Bowman, Michael Brady, Kay Bracco, Lorraine Brzozowski, Josephina Carmona, Joe Cassidy, Mary Colombo, Danny Doyle, Jennifer Fischer, Simon Gutierrez, Meri Hale, William Hall, Bruce Hanessian, Patricia Hanley, Sam Harnisch, Ester Hitchner, Heather Kadlac, Pat Koberstine, Thomas P. Kragie, Scott Krusinski, Anne Marie Kuhny, Fay Kutz, Kathleen O'Bryan Kurrle, Annina Lementavich, Gerry & Mary Logan, Jan Lorenzen, Rosita Malmis, Mary Massura, Mary Ruth McGrath, Dellwyn & Nora Meewes, Ken Morten, Frank Murphy, Emilia Ortiz, Estelle Pargulski, Regan Pierce, Philip Rice, Joseph Rigali, Jeanne Riordon, Anne Sandow, Caleb Savino, Valerie Schoennman, Tom Slott, Steven Sobie, Elizabeth Stohl, Mary Strenski, Mikayla Sweeney, Sr. Joan Thomas, Mary Thomas, Jesse & Sonia Vasquez, and David Wojcik.

May our prayers bring them healing and peace.

Confirmation Meeting

Confirmands, preparing for Confirmation on October 22, will have their last meeting this Thursday, September 15, at 7 p.m. in the Pine Room. Confirmands are strongly encouraged to invite their sponsors to this meeting. In the absence of a sponsor attending, parents are encouraged to attend with their son or daughter.

This Week	Next Week
September 10/11	September 17/18

5:00 pm Fr. Larry McNally	Fr. Larry McNally
7:30 am Fr. Larry McNally	Fr. Ray Guiao
9:00 am Fr. Richard Woods	Fr. Larry McNally
11:00 am Fr. Ray Guiao	Fr. Larry McNally
5:00 pm Fr. Larry McNally	Fr. Richard Vega

Masses for the Week

SUNDAY – September 11

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 (Sat) Joan Piner Bodeau / Roberta Rapacz /
The Hayes & Kragie Families

7:30 John Burns & Corinne Prindiville

9:00 Irene Sobczak / Matthew Rothcock

11:00 James & Mary Agnes Crowley /
Barney & Fran Jaskiewica

5:00 For Deceased Parishioners

MONDAY - September 12

The Most Holy Name of the BVM

7:45 Rosary (Monday—Friday)

8:15 Joseph Muriello / Ellen Geraghty

TUESDAY - September 13

St. John Chrysostom

8:15 Jean Sullivan

WEDNESDAY –September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:15 Eileen Mullen / Kay Brennan Wallace /
Sam Amato

9:15 Nina Grimaldi (*School Mass*)

THURSDAY - September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

8:15 Bill Schulze

FRIDAY - September 16

St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian

8:15 Judee DeSimini / Roberta Rapacz

SATURDAY - September 17

Vigil: 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 Bernard Knowski / JoAnne Belanger
Katherine Noak

SUNDAY - September 18

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 Souls in Purgatory

9:00 Valerie Sewell / Margaret Boland

11:00 Thomas & Mary Murphy /
Crisanto Lati

5:00 Kevin Anthony Sanders

PARISH INFORMATION

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 PM.

Infant Baptism: Our parish celebration of infant Baptism takes place at 1 p.m., on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month. A preparatory session for parents is held on the second Saturday of the month in the Parish Center at 9:30 a.m. First-time parents are required to attend. To register for a preparatory session, or to schedule a baptism, please call the parish office.

Adult Initiation: Adults interested in information about the Catholic faith or wanting to become Catholic, should contact Vicky Tufano, ext 233.

Weddings: Please make an appointment with Fr. Larry to pick up a wedding information packet at the Parish Office at least a year prior to selecting a date or reception hall.

Sick Calls: If there is anyone at home who cannot attend Mass or receive the sacraments because of illness or old age, please contact the Parish Office or one of the Ministers of Care Coordinators: Susie Cahill, 383-7238, Linda Dunne, 848-5574, or Cece Masella, 383-3785.

Registration: All newcomers are welcome to the Ascension family and are asked to pick up a census/registration envelope at the entrance of the Church or by downloading a form from the parish website. Parishioners who marry, have a baby, or move to a new address should also notify the Parish Office.

Audio Devices are available for the hearing impaired. Please see an usher or greeter before Mass.

Lost & Found Box is under the table in the church vestibule.

Parish Office: 708-848-2703

Bulletin deadline: Monday 5 p.m. Please deliver articles to Parish Office or email to ascensiondome@msn.com