

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

WE JOYFULLY PROCLAIM, CELEBRATE,



WITNESS AND SERVE JESUS CHRIST

2015 — 2016 PARISH MINISTRY GUIDE



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STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE



Church of the Ascension is a vibrant Catholic community that embraces Stewardship as a **Way of Life**. A life of **Stewardship** is rooted in Scripture and is the response of each individual's call to discipleship whereby one responds to the mission and ministry of the local and universal Church in sharing the Gospel. Stewardship recognizes that we, as individuals, are not the owners of our lives, our time, our talent, nor our treasure, but stewards or managers of these God-given gifts. Stewardship is our **Time, Talent and Treasure** given to God in **thanksgiving** for all that He has given us.

*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."
(1Peter 4:10)*

Registered parishioners/families are expected to be in good standing with respect to **Stewardship: A Way of Life** by:

- + Practicing the Catholic faith and living Catholic values
- + Sharing in the prayer life of the parish
- + Regularly volunteering at the parish to support its mission to serve in the spirit of Christ
- + Practicing financial stewardship through sacrificial and biblical levels of tithing

THE GIFT OF *TIME & TALENT*

Church of the Ascension parishioners/families are encouraged to become active in at least one program or ministry within the following areas:

CHRIST THE TEACHER: *FORMATION & EDUCATION*

- ◆ Adult Faith Formation
- ◆ Family Life
- ◆ Youth Ministry
- ◆ School of Religion
- ◆ Parish School

CHRIST THE PRIEST: *SPIRITUALITY & LITURGY*

- ◆ Liturgical Ministries
- ◆ Perpetual Adoration
- ◆ Sacramental Celebrations
- ◆ Vocation Promotion

CHRIST THE SERVANT: *MINISTRY OF CARE*

- ◆ Corporal Works of Mercy
- ◆ Support Ministries
- ◆ Social Concerns
- ◆ Parish Outreach

CHRIST THE SHEPHERD: *PARISH LIFE*

- ◆ Stewardship
- ◆ Volunteers
- ◆ Special Appeals
- ◆ Mardi Gras Dinner Auction
- ◆ Various Parish Organizations

THE GIFT OF *TREASURE*

Church of the Ascension parishioners/families are encouraged to make and honor a sacrificial pledge to God of at least 10% of their household income in gratitude for the blessings they have received via the following guidelines:

5% To our parish as general parish support

1% To the Archbishop's Call to Share

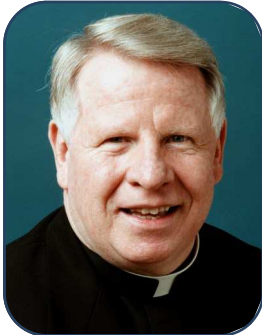
4% To our parish or other charitable causes*

**Note: School families are encouraged to give this additional 4% to our parish in light of benefits received related to the school.*



PARISH ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

PASTOR
Father Tom Tank



PAROCHIAL VICAR
Father Nathan Haverland



PAROCHIAL VICAR
Father Alessandro Borraccia



PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHRIST THE PRIEST
SPIRITUALITY &
LITURGY

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ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

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PARISH STAFF

PARISH OFFICE

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SCHOOL OF RELIGION

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913-681-7683, x103	

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913-681-7683, x104	
A2J-6th & 7th Grade	Heath Cole findithere@gmail.com
913-706-2254	

SCHOOL

Principal	Becky Wright bwright@acseagles.org
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PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

Christ the Priest (P), Servant (Se), Shepherd (Sh), Teacher (T)

55+ Fellowship (Se) Laverne O'Neill 913-766-0311	Children's Ministers of the Word (P) Heather Kuo 913-681-3698	Greeters (P) Chad & LeeAnn Cure 913-488-4761
Addiction Support (Se) George Crossland 913-451-3296	Christ Renews His Parish (T) Liz Willman 913-681-3348	Guadalupe House (Se) Jean Hinman 913-681-3348
Adult Faith Class Facilitators (T) Liz Willman 913-681-3348	Christmas Caroling (Se) Jean Hinman 913-681-3348	Habitat for Humanity (Se) Greg Malmgren 913-280-5889
Adult Faith Library (T) Kim Sutton 913-897-6593	City Union Mission Men's & Family Shelters (Se) Dan Tira 913-451-2341	Help for Parishioners (Se) Jean Hinman 913-681-3348
Altar Servers (P) <u>Training:</u> Bryan Didier 913-705-0266 <u>Scheduling:</u> Jeremy Didier 913-908-2566	Coffee Drive (Se) Jean Hinman 913-681-3348	Hillcrest Apartments (Se) Jean Hinman 913-681-3348
American Heritage Girls (Sh) Lee Ann Cure 913-488-4761	Collection Counters (Sh) Annette Mellard 913-851-1349	Hope Faith Ministries (Se) Jim Carley 913-685-3679
Angel Tree (Se) Eileen Cocjin 913-851-5093	Covered in Prayer (Se) Susan Wolfgang 303-910-3099	IHN Interfaith Hospitality Network (Se) Dorothy Long 913-681-1289 Ellen Johnson 913-685-2040
Anointing of the Sick/Rosary (P) Jean Hinman 913-681-3348	CYO Athletics (Sh) Tim Davidson 913-980-9024	Infertility and Miscarriage Support (Se) Lisa Kopp 913-438-2904 Jamie Mullane 913-814-0327
Arts & Environment (P) Sarah Devore 913-851-9406	Donuts (Sh) Nila Henderson 913-481-8608	International Missions Ministry (SE) Ed Herman 913-897-0082
"As For Me & My House" (Se) Sam Meier 913-647-0378	Dress for Success (Se) Amy Kmetz 913-400-3007	Job Ministry (Se) Jean Hinman 913-681-3348
Ascension Catholic School (T) Becky Wright 913-851-2531	El Centro (Se) Maria Ladera Robb 913-538-6038	Johnson County Christmas Bureau (Se) Barb O'Donnell 913-897-3302
Ascension Holiday Haven (Sh) (Formerly known as Marketplace) Dawnlee Maurer 913-681-3348	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (P) <u>Scheduling</u> Mike Smoots 913-685-0118	Knights of Columbus (Sh) David Whitaker 913-626-2676
Basketball Men's Age 21+ (Sh) (Parishioners Only) Rob Spaedy 816-506-3706	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Hospitals (Se) Marguerite Enlow 913-897-5623	Lectors (P) Jim Baldwin 816-803-4505
Bereavement Ministry (Se) Denny & Karen Schemmel 913-897-5079	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion-Homebound & Assisted Living (Se) Jean Hinman 913-681-3348	Legion of Mary (P) Dick Kane 913-484-7402
Blood Drives (Se) Jean Hinman 913-681-3348	Finance Council (Sh) Sharon Weems 913-681-3348	Le(n)t's Get Personal (Se) Marilyn Severino 913-681-8990
Book Club (T) Linda Cook 913-897-3201	Food Collections (Se) Joe & Johnette Martin 913-481-8663	Linen Care (P) Mary Jo Doherty 913-685-8313
Bridge Groups (Sh) <u>Couples</u> John & Kathleen Hlavacek 913-897-0495 <u>Ladies (Mornings: 3rd Tues. at 9 am)</u> Louise Kramer 913-766-0973 <u>Ladies (Days)</u> Sue Reed 913-940-0978	Funderwear and Sock It To Me Sunday (Se) Marilyn Severino 913-681-8990	Liturgy Committee (P) Russ Engel 913-469-1918
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (T) Karen Newkirk 913-814-9009	Funeral Lunches (Se) Jean Hinman 913-681-3348	Mardi Gras (Sh) Dawnlee Maurer 913-681-3348
	Garage Sale (Se) Darlene Porch 913-897-0740	Marriage Encounter (T) Denny & Karen Schemmel 913-897-5079
	Good Samaritan Fund (Se) Fr. Tom 913-681-3348	Marriage & Family Enrichment (T) Ray Martin 913-681-3348
		Marriage Prep. Leaders (T) Marty & Beth Krebs 913-897-5834

PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

Christ the Priest (P), Servant (Se), Shepherd (Sh), Teacher (T)

Marriage Retrouvaille (T) Joe & Danette Searle 913-681-2040	Prison Ministry (Se) John Stanley 913-685-0351	Support Ministry for the Sick & Caregivers (Se) Marina Ramos 913-416-0355 Cathy Oxley 913-384-0668
Men of Ascension (T) Mike Fischbach 913-469-5325	RCIA (Right of Christian Initiation for Adults) Team (T) Liz Willman 913-681-3348	Technology & AV (Sh) Ray Martin 913-681-3348
Monday Morning Marthas (Se) Jean Hinman 913-681-3348	Respect Life (T) John & Melissa Joerger 913-549-4406	Turkey Drive (Se) Jeff Bailey 913-402-8129
MOYC Mothers of Young Children (Sh) Abby Walter 913-839-9403	Respite Ministry (T) Mary Ann Woodward 913-897-3258	Unbound (Se) Ellen Johnson 913-685-2040
Music Ministry (P) Dorothy Brandwein 913-681-3348	Sacristans (P) Randy & Elizabeth Cotter 913-544-6939	Ushers (P) Jeff Frederes 913-681-2195
Natural Family Planning (T) www.FertilityCareKC.com Brandon & Abby Hall 913-232-7953	Safe Home (Se) Jean Hinman 913-681-3348	Vacation Bible School (T) William O'Leary 913-681-7683
Newly Marrieds (T) Ignatio & Kate Contreras 714-335-8775 James & Angela Moburg 913-981-3906	School Advisory Council (T) Lisa Connor 913-814-8663	Villa St. Francis (Se) Steve Ehart 913-681-6730
Nursery (Sh) Carol Rephlo 913-897-3377	School of Religion (SOR) (T) William O'Leary 913-681-7683	Volunteers as Needed (Sh) Dawnlee Maurer 913-681-3348
Parenting Enrichment (T) Liz Willman 913-681-3348	Scouts (Sh) Cub: Paul Surles 913-488-7588 Boy: Mark Garcia 913-226-8793	Walk-ins (Se) Jean Hinman 913-681-3348
Parish Council (Sh) Fr. Tom 913-681-3348	Separated & Divorced Support (Se) Mary Ann Gaston 913-451-6474 Lisa Ragan 913-685-9985	Wedding Coordinators (P) Dorothy Long 913-681-1289 Karen Pierpoint 913-558-3403
Parish Life Committee (Sh) Dawnlee Maurer 913-681-3348	Shalom House (Se) Dan Tira 913-451-2341	Weekly Family Rosary (P) Jean Hinman 913-681-3348
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration (P) John & Debbie Engel 913-485-8918	Small Faith Sharing Groups (T) Liz Willman 913-681-3348	Welcoming Ministry (Sh) Dawnlee Maurer 913-681-3348
Prayer Partners (Se) Matt Wasko 913-749-3442 Sherry McAuliffe 913-681-6824	Social Concerns (Se) John Kratofil 913-768-8379	Women of Ascension (Sh) Teresa Davis 913-526-4570
Prayer Partners Intention (Se) Voicemail 1-888-684-6555	St. Mary's Food Kitchen (Se) Dee Winters 913-681-6112	Youth Ministries (T) Joe Passantino 913-681-7683 Chelsea Pratt 913-681-7683 Heath Cole 913-706-2254
PTO (ACS) (T) Mary & Randy Wasinger 816-679-9070	Sunday Scripture Study (T) Paul O'Connell 913-888-2130	

STEWARDSHIP

A Way of Life



PARISH MINISTRIES

CHRIST THE PRIEST » SPIRITUALITY

For additional information, contact the listed representative.

Liturgy

ALTAR SERVERS

Assist the priest in celebrating Mass. Teens and youths in 6th grade and older currently practicing their faith are eligible.

Training:

Bryan Didier 913-705-0266

Scheduling:

Jeremy Didier 913-908-2566

ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ROSARY

First Thursday of the month, 7:00pm.

Jean Hinman 913-681-3348

ARTS & ENVIRONMENT

Assist in decorating the worship space at the beginning of each liturgical season.

Sarah Devore 913-851-9406

CHILDREN'S MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Present Liturgy of the Word to children in age-appropriate groups during the 10:00am Sunday Mass.

Heather Kuo 913-681-3698

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Assist in distributing Holy Communion at Masses. Must be confirmed and actively practicing their faith at Church of the Ascension.

Craig & Judy Arnold 913-685-9305

Scheduling:

Mike Smoots 913-685-0118

GREETERS

Welcome visitors and parishioners before all Masses. Assist with distributing bulletins after Mass. Ideal for families.

Chad & LeeAnn Cure 913-488-4761

LECTORS

Proclaim the Word of God at Sunday Masses and special celebrations. Must be actively practicing their faith at Church of the Ascension.

Jim Baldwin 816-803-4505

LEGION OF MARY

Association of Catholic laity who serve the Church.

Dick Kane 913-484-7402

LINEN CARE

Launder & press linens used during Mass.

Mary Jo Doherty 913-685-8313

LITURGY COMMITTEE

Study the meaning and history of the various parts of liturgical celebrations, church seasons, and special feasts and work with the pastor in planning how these will be celebrated in our parish.

The Liturgy Committee is comprised of the leader from several applicable ministries. The Committee meets monthly August through May.

Russ Engel 913-469-1918

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Blessed Sacrament Chapel 24 hours/7 days a week. Sign up for a regular hour, or as a substitute, for silent prayer and adoration. Key Code required for entry. Visitors welcome during daytime hours.

John & Debbie Engel 913-485-8918

SACRISTANS

Preparation and care of vessels before and after Mass.

Randy & Elizabeth Cotter 913-544-6939

USHERS

Assist in various duties before, during, and after Mass. Ideal for families. (7th grade +)

Jeff Frederes 913-681-2195

WEDDING COORDINATORS

Assist engaged couples and coordinate use of the parish facilities for preparation for Nuptial Mass.

Dorothy Long 913-681-1289

Karen Pierpoint 913-558-3403

WEEKLY FAMILY ROSARY

Sign up to lead the Weekly Rosary on one or more Thursdays, 6:30pm.

Terri Dowdy 913-530-6084



PARISH MINISTRIES

CHRIST THE PRIEST » SPIRITUALITY

For additional information, contact **DOROTHY BRANDWEIN**
(MUSIC DIRECTOR) @ 913-681-3348

Music

Ascension has many musical opportunities for worship. Rehearsals are held in the church. All choirs require commitment to preparation, rehearsal, and attendance.

ASCENSION CHOIR

Sunday Mass, 10:00am and other liturgies as scheduled. High school and adult voices.

Rehearsal: Wednesday, 7:00 pm

SPIRIT & SONG ENSEMBLE

Sunday Mass, 8:15 am.
High school and adult voices.

Rehearsal: Thursday, 7:00 pm

PRAISE & WORSHIP ENSEMBLE

Sunday Mass, 5:00pm.
Contemporary music. Instrumentalists; high school and young adult voices.

Rehearsal: Sunday, 3:00 pm

JOYFUL VOICES YOUTH CHOIR

Sing twice a month at 11:45 am Sunday Masses. Children in 5th-8th grades are eligible. (Last year's 3rd graders are also eligible to join.) May join anytime during the school year.

Rehearsal: Thursday, 5:00-6:00 pm.

CANTOR

Lead the congregation at Mass and special celebrations. This is a solo voice ministry. Audition required. Must be able to read music.

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Provide music at Sunday Masses and other special celebrations. Audition required.

ORGANISTS/PIANISTS

Provide musical accompaniment for choirs and cantor at Sunday Masses and other special celebrations. Audition required.

PARISH MINISTRIES

CHRIST THE SERVANT » MINISTRY OF CARE

For additional information, contact **JEAN HINMAN**
(MINISTRY OF CARE DIRECTOR) @ 913-681-3348
unless otherwise indicated

Shelter the Homeless

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Building homes for the homeless! Our participation occurs several times throughout the year by joining with whatever phase of building they are at. Must be at least 16 years of age; must preregister. Work with family at Restart store and four times throughout the year for neighborhood clean-up.

Greg Malmgren

913-280-5889

HILLCREST APARTMENTS

Providing transitional apartments to homeless families, which includes a rigorous screening and education component. We sponsor two apartments. Assistance includes restocking the apartments when a family graduates. Time commitment is several hours of shopping a couple of times a year, plus contact with charity as needed. We stock their food pantry, provide Christmas gifts through Angel Tree, and provide coffee for the offices and meetings with clients.

IHN

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Providing shelter to homeless people or families in different churches throughout Johnson County. While Ascension does not host the families, we take two evenings and nights each quarter at the host church to provide supervision through the evening until morning and provide meals, snacks and transportation. Training required to provide supervision, but help is needed with providing meals and snacks.

Dorothy Long

913-681-1289

Ellen Johnson

913-685-2040

SAFE HOME

Providing help to battered women's shelter. Donations vary by need, but frequently include providing gas cards or bus passes to help these women get to work. We also provide a volunteer base to clean up and restock their "store" the 4th Tuesday of the month.



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Visit the Sick

ADDICTION SUPPORT

Providing support and education to those who are suffering, or who love someone who is suffering, from addictions. We provide space for two AA groups and an Al-Anon group, along with occasional support and educational opportunities.

George Crossland 913-451-3296

BLOOD DRIVES

We sponsor a blood drive 3-4 times throughout the year. We also provide opportunities to register as an organ donor.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

We visit homebound and bereaved families, bring a gift from the parish, sing carols, then meet back at Ascension for hot cocoa. We also visit Villa St. Francis on Christmas Day.

COVERED IN PRAYER

Our "blanket making" ministry. We make blankets for the sick and suffering, either parishioners or family and friends of parishioners. We send the blankets with a note letting them know they are "covered in prayer by the parishioners of Ascension." We meet one evening a month to pray, get material, (which is donated by parishioners), work on projects, learn from each other, and generally enjoy each other's company. Occasionally we do special projects!

Susan Wolfgang 303-910-3099

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION- HOSPITALS, HOMEBOUND & ASSISTED LIVING

Provide assistance to the Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (the priests) during Mass and Communion Services by offering the Body and Blood of Jesus to others when needed. We provide daily Eucharist to the Catholic patients at St. Luke's South Hospital. We also provide prayers and Holy Communion at least two times a week in the assisted living facilities within our parish and to the homebound. Priests also celebrate Mass or Sacrament of the Sick at least every other month. Once a month, a Communal Service or Mass is celebrated for parishioner residents.

HOSPITALS

Marguerite Enlow 913-897-5623

HOMEBOUND & ASSISTED LIVING

Jean Hinman 913-681-3348

INFERTILITY AND MISCARRIAGE SUPPORT

Support for couples who are experiencing these painful times and occasional education/support group format.

Lisa Kopp 913-438-2904

Jamie Mullane 913-814-0327

PRAYER PARTNERS

Pray for the specific intentions of our parish and community as a part of a telephone tree of prayer.

Matt Wasko 913-749-3442

Sherry McAuliffe 913-681-6824

PRAYER PARTNERS INTENTION

Voicemail

Leave your prayer intentions on the prayer partners voicemail.

1-888-684-6555

RESPIRE MINISTRY

This ministry supports both the homebound and the caregiver by providing them with a respite minister who can stay with the homebound person so the caregiver can get out for any number of reasons. Our respite ministers will be trained and insured under the auspices of the Archdiocese, with training provided a couple of times a year.

Mary Ann Woodward 913-897-3258

SUPPORT MINISTRY FOR THE SICK & CAREGIVERS

"Together on a Journey," a group that gives support and encouragement to those in our parish and surrounding parishes who are going through a chronic or terminal illness or have a family member they are supporting through disease and/or treatment. Support group atmosphere, occasional speakers. Meets the 1st Thursday of the month.

Marina Ramos 913-416-0355

Cathy Oxley 913-384-0668

VILLA ST FRANCIS

We help out at this Archdiocesan-sponsored long-term care facility by having a "Clean-up Saturday" a few times a year. We also look for other opportunities to help as needed. On Christmas Day, we go to the facility to sing carols and interact with the residents.

Steve Ehart 913-681-6730

PARISH MINISTRIES

CHRIST THE SERVANT » MINISTRY OF CARE

For additional information, contact **JEAN HINMAN** (MINISTRY OF CARE DIRECTOR) @ 913-681-3348
unless otherwise indicated

Bury the Dead

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

A support group (with a light breakfast) for anyone who is grieving a loss on the 2nd Saturday of every month after 8:30am Mass. We plan an annual Mass to remember and celebrate all of the parishioners and family and friends of parishioners who have died in the past year. The Mass is on November 2nd (All Souls Day).

Denny & Karen
Schemmel

913-897-5079

FUNERAL LUNCHESES

We prepare and serve lunches after the Mass or service for family and friends to gather.

Feed the Hungry

ANGEL TREE

We set out trees in the beginning of Advent and ask parishioners to grab an angel tag that has a gift request from kids (either from Catholic Charities, requests of our sister parish, inner city preschool or El Centro) or adults (from our assisted living parishioners or homeless shelters). We also provide baskets of food for the holidays.

Eileen Cocjin

913-851-5093

CITY UNION MISSION MEN'S & FAMILY SHELTERS

Prepare and serve dinner several times throughout the year.

Dan Tira

913-451-2341

COFFEE DRIVE

We collect coffee for our various ministries and provide it to them for meetings and interactions with clients.

FOOD COLLECTIONS

We hold a collection of non-perishable food items on the first weekend of the month to stock the food pantry at Catholic Charities in Olathe. We invite the children of the parish to bring canned goods up to the altar before the Offertory every weekend at Mass. We do "baskets of food" around Christmas for the graduates of the transitional housing and El Centro.

Joe & Johnette Martin

913-481-8663

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

This is monetary assistance to parishioners who are having a tough time. It is administered and funded through our Faith in Action committee and overseen by Fr Tom.

Feed the Hungry

GUADALUPE HOUSE

Help with monetary assistance, rehab work, and, with the Knights of Columbus, we prepare and serve dinner two times per month at this new homeless shelter for women. The shelter is run by the Sisters of the Fraternity of Missionaries of the Poor of Jesus Christ.

HELP FOR PARISHIONERS

We help our parishioners who are facing tough times by providing meals, transportation, prayers, etc.

HOPE FAITH MINISTRIES

Prepare and serve breakfast to the homeless at Hope Faith on the last Saturday of the month. Help is needed with providing food, paper goods, and meal service. Time commitment is minimal, as there is a rotation of volunteers. Contact with agency as needed.

Jim Carley

913-685-3679

SHALOM HOUSE

We help with monetary assistance for different requests from this Catholic Charities sponsored homeless shelter for men. Together with the Knights of Columbus, we prepare and serve dinner two times a month.

Dan Tira

913-451-2341

ST. MARY'S FOOD KITCHEN

Prepare and serve salad and fried chicken to the homeless the 2nd Friday of each month.

Dee Winters

913-681-6112

TURKEY DRIVE

We collect and distribute turkeys through Catholic Charities at Thanksgiving.

Jeff Bailey

913-402-8129

WALK-INS

We provide a small stipend for food, gas, and housing when we learn of people who have an emergency need to "get through till tomorrow."

PARISH MINISTRIES

CHRIST THE SERVANT » MINISTRY OF CARE

For additional information, contact **JEAN HINMAN** (MINISTRY OF CARE DIRECTOR) @ 913-681-3348
unless otherwise indicated

Clothe the Naked

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

We collect and deliver work clothes, (suits, ties, shirts, blouses, purses, coats, accessories, underwear, support hose) twice a year to assist people in dressing for interviews and jobs.

Amy Kmetz 913-400-3007

JOHNSON COUNTY CHRISTMAS BUREAU

Help with collections of coats and books and provide volunteers to help needy families of Johnson County “shop” at Christmas time. This agency allows parents to shop for their children’s gifts.

Barb O’Donnell 913-897-3302

FUNDERWEAR AND SOCK IT TO ME SUNDAY

One weekend in August we collect underwear and socks for needy kids and those of Turnaround, a ministry that serves the population of people who have recently been released from incarceration.

Marilyn Severino 913-681-8990

LE(N)T’S GET PERSONAL

This is a collection of full size personal care items that we collect from the parish and distribute to ministries we serve.

Marilyn Severino 913-681-8990

Give Drink to the Thirsty

55+ FELLOWSHIP

Our ministry for the senior members of our Parish. We meet once a month for a social lunch or outing, and as needed for service days to the parish.

Laverne O’Neill 913-766-0311

“AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE,....”

Catholic men and women come together in the name of the Lord to reclaim their homes and families from pornography.

Archdiocesan Program.

Sam Meier 913-647-0378

EL CENTRO

Assistance for our Hispanic community. Activities include: hosting a Christmas party for families, serving as teachers in the after-school program, and training fathers. We are continually looking for additional ways to serve this community.

Maria Ladera Robb 913-538-6038

Give Drink to the Thirsty

GARAGE SALE

We have a parish garage sale every year in June to help fund our social concerns ministry, youth ministry and other outreaches.

We ask parishioners to donate items and volunteer to help at this massive sale.

Darlene Porch 913-897-0740

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS MINISTRY

Our international missions ministry is active as a sister parish to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Xecocol, Guatemala. We have been trying to make a yearly trip to Guatemala to increase our understanding of their culture (and them to ours), to foster our shared Catholic Faith, and find the links that make us all one Body in Christ. We also provide monetary support to this parish and to a Mission in Amman, Jordan, through the Papal agency CNEWA. We meet the 2nd Monday of the month to discuss what we’re doing and what we can do. We strive to maintain a spiritual relationship and maintain the tenets of Catholic Social Justice teaching.

Ed Herman 913-897-0082

JOB MINISTRY

We help people who are unemployed and looking for work. Our ministry helps with networking, occasional job openings and resume writing.

MONDAY MORNING MARTHAS

Making our Church, community room, and faith rooms neat and pleasant for those we extend a welcome to!

RESPECT LIFE

We have a Rose Procession at the time of the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade becoming the law of the land. This procession consists of a person born in each year since that Supreme Court decision. They carry a rose to the altar at the beginning of Mass on that Sunday.

We host a “What’s that Pack ’N Play for?” where we fill several cribs with clothes and other baby items for area pregnancy centers. We host a Baby Bottle Boomerang where we collect money. We educate the parishioners in a variety of ways through the aforementioned drives, bulletin boards and bulletin articles. We give the “Mothers and Fathers Day Cards,” proceeds to post-abortion groups.

We have a display of crosses with a large banner in January to remember and remind us of the millions who have been aborted in this country. We help monetarily support a home for unwed, teenage, pregnant, and homeless women and several area pregnancy centers. Education is provided on the healthcare mandate and maintaining our God-given rights.

John & Melissa Joerger 913-549-4406

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Give Drink to the Thirsty

SEPARATED & DIVORCED SUPPORT

Provides a support ministry and education to our parishioners who are experiencing the pain of separation or divorce. Provides a safe and loving group within our parish with a curriculum based monthly meeting (being developed), led by people who have “been there, done that and survived!” Also, information on programs being offered by neighboring parishes is provided.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

This ministry encompasses what we do as a parish to reach out to our brothers and sisters in need outside our parish boundaries. We strive to live out the Corporal Works of Mercy as Jesus instructed us to do in Matthew 25:35-46. We do this in many different ways, with different groups of people doing different things. We welcome everyone in the parish to join us, either in working with existing ministries or bring your passion to the group to see if we should go there. Social Concerns is funded by our parish tithe and the annual garage sale.

John Kratofil 913-768-8379

UNBOUND

Parishioners sponsor a child or aging person from another country, usually third world. We provide scholarships to the agency. We also have letter-writing weekends, where parishioners write to their sponsored child or adult, and mail the letters to them.

Ellen Johnson 913-685-2040

Visit the Imprisoned

Prison Ministry

We do weekly Bible Studies at the Johnson County jails and juvenile facility. We also provide Bibles and other literature to those who are incarcerated. We help the “Turnaround” Ministry by assisting ex-offenders to get back into society and to help decrease the recidivism rate. We provide jeans, work clothes, provide for state issued ID’s, stock the food pantry, as well as serve as mentors. We also participate in a letter writing mentorship program through the state penitentiaries. Some of the aspects of this ministry need prior registration and training.

John Stanley 913-685-0351



PARISH MINISTRIES

CHRIST THE SHEPHERD » PARISH LIFE

For additional information, contact **DAWNLEE MAURER** (PARISH LIFE COORDINATOR)
@ 913-681-3348 x134 unless otherwise indicated

Volunteers & Stewardship

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

Christ-centered character development for girls. Adult volunteer opportunities available. Need not have a daughter in the troop.
LeeAnn Cure 913-488-4761

ASCENSION HOLIDAY HAVEN

(Formerly known as Marketplace)
Come Share Your Wares!

BASKETBALL MEN'S AGE 21+

Monday and Wednesday
8:30 pm-10:30 pm in the school gymnasium. Adult parishioners only, ages 21+.
Rob Spaedy 816-506-3706

BRIDGE GROUPS

Couples:

John &
Kathleen Hlavacek 913-897-0495

Ladies (Mornings):

Louise Kramer 913-766-0973

Ladies (Days):

Sue Reed 913-940-0978

COLLECTION COUNTERS

Counting collections on Monday mornings.
Annette Mellard 913-851-1349

CYO ATHLETICS

Sports activities for boys and girls in 3rd-8th grade.
Tim Davidson 913-980-9024

DONUTS

Coffee & donuts in the lower level after 8:15am & 10:00am Masses.
Nila Henderson 913-481-8608

FINANCE COUNCIL

Assist the Pastor in matters pertaining to parish finances and properties. They also prepare and monitor an annual budget and review and approve all expenditures. In addition, they periodically inform parishioners of the financial status of the parish. Three new members are selected each summer.
Sharon Weems 913-681-3348

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Fraternal organization open to all Catholic men of Ascension. We conduct programs for the youth, the elderly, and those people in the community with special needs.
David Whitaker 913-626-2676

MARDI GRAS

Annual Parish Fundraiser.

MOYC (MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN)

Mothers with children in Second Grade and younger.
Abby Walter 913-839-9403

NURSERY

Available for all walking children ages 1-3 years old. Fully staffed by a wonderful group paid to watch your children during the 8:15am and 10:00am Sunday Masses. Staff also available for other parish events.
Carol Rephlo 913-897-3377

PARISH COUNCIL

This council was developed according to Canon Law and appointed by the Pastor to serve in an advisory role. This committee consists of 12 parishioners charged with guiding the parish through leadership and example to fulfil the mission of the parish. This is a three-year commitment.
Fr. Tom Tank 913-681-3348

PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

Dedicated to building a welcoming spirit and a deeper sense of Christian community through the planning, hospitality, and execution of parish-wide activities and special events accomplished with the cooperation of all parish ministries. This committee is comprised of the leader or a designee from 8-10 applicable parish ministries. The Parish Life Committee meets three to four times per year.

SCOUTS

Cub: Paul Surlis 913-488-7588
Boy: Mark Garcia 913-226-8793

TECHNOLOGY & AV

Video, web, podcast, & sound system expertise.
Ray Martin 913-681-3348

VOLUNTEERS AS NEEDED

Hospitality, office work, truck and movers, woodworkers, etc.

WELCOMING MINISTRY

Provide information to visitors and welcome new parishioners with visits and events.

WOMEN OF ASCENSION

To glorify God by promoting spiritual growth, stewardship, fellowship and friendship among all women of the parish.
Teresa Davis 913-526-4570

PARISH MINISTRIES

CHRIST THE TEACHER » FORMATION EDUCATION

For additional information, contact **LIZ WILLMAN** (ADULT FAITH DIRECTOR)
@ 913-681-3348 x139 unless otherwise indicated

Adult Faith

A variety of programs on Scripture, Theology and Catholic topics, designed to keep us up-to-date on our faith and address current issues facing us as Catholics. Participants, leaders, and assistance to director welcome.

ADULT FAITH CLASS FACILITATORS

Lead video-based Scripture class. Training provided.

ADULT FAITH LIBRARY

Committee to assist with donations and organization.

Kim Sutton 913-897-6593

BOOK CLUB

2nd Wednesday of the Month, 1:00pm—2:00pm.

Linda Cook 913-897-3201

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

A retreat program designed to bring parish members together in Christ. This program emphasizes continued growth in Catholic Christian life. A weekend retreat at our church, followed by small group prayer and reflection. Our parish priests and fellow parishioners conduct the retreat.

MEN OF ASCENSION

Small faith sharing group designed to address the needs of men. Participants and leaders welcome. Friday 6:00am.

Mike Fischbach 913-469-5325

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS) TEAM

Assist the Director of RCIA. Must be actively practicing their faith to be a sponsor.

Sponsors: Accompany RCIA candidates to the weekly sessions and provide spiritual support for the year. Training provided.

Team: Help with hospitality and/or childcare.

SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUP PARTICIPANTS AND LEADERS

Training provided.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY

Class meets after Sunday 8:15am Mass to study various books and topics of the Bible and enjoy coffee and donuts. Come join us.

Paul O'Connell 913-888-2130

Family Life

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Archdiocese retreat-based program designed to assist couples in every stage of life in discovering the spirituality of their marriage.

Denny & Karen

Schemmel 913-897-5079

MARRIAGE & FAMILY ENRICHMENT

Assist with new programs throughout the year for couples to strengthen and deepen their marriage and families to grow in faith.

Ray Martin 913-681-3348

MARRIAGE PREPARATION LEADERS

Married couples meet with engaged couples. Training required through the Archdiocese. Must be actively practicing their faith and married 5+ years.

Marty & Beth Krebs 913-897-5834

MARRIAGE RETROUVAILLE

Peer group ministry assisting couples in troubled marriages offered through the Archdiocese. This program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse and a loving relationship in your marriage. It has saved 10's of 1000's of marriages from divorce.

Joe & Danette Searle 913-681-2040

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Adult education regarding sexuality respectful of God's plan for marriage.

www.FertilityCareKC.com

Brandon & Abby Hall 913-232-7953

NEWLY MARRIEDS

Couples married up to 7 years. Assist with social and spiritual growth activities.

Ignatio & Kate

Contreras 714-335-8775

James & Angela

Moburg 913-981-3906

PARENTING ENRICHMENT

Classes offered throughout the year.

PARISH MINISTRIES

CHRIST THE TEACHER » FORMATION EDUCATION

For additional information, contact **WILLIAM O'LEARY** (SOR DIRECTOR) @ 913-681-7683 x105 unless otherwise indicated

For additional information, contact **JOE PASSANTINO & CHELSEA PRATT** (8th Grade and High School) at 913-681-7683 OR **HEATH COLE** (A2J-6th and 7th Grade) @ 913-706-2254 unless otherwise indicated

School of Religion

Ascension School of Religion (SOR) provides an exciting learning environment where students from Preschool – 8th grade grow in their Catholic Faith and love for Christ and His Church. Together with ACS, our Parish prepares both 2nd graders and 8th graders for sacraments.

SCHOOL YEAR CLASSES

Pre-School (3-4 yrs)/Kindergarten Sunday, 10:00am—11:00am

Traditional SOR

Wednesday, 5:30pm—6:45pm

Family Formation

Parents and children meet once a month at the Parish from 6:00pm—7:30pm followed by three (3) home lessons the family does together.

Year I Confirmation (7th grade) Sunday 6:30pm—8:00pm

Year II Confirmation

S & L (Spirit & Life) is for all Confirmation students in the parish to gather and grow in faith. Sunday, 6:30pm—8:00pm in the Youth Room and Gym. It promises to be a wonderful Confirmation experience!

SUMMER CLASSES

June 20-30, 2016

This intensive two-week program meets from 8:30am—12:30pm. Grades 1 and 3-6 are able to enroll for this program in place of the Fall SOR.

FAMILY FORMATION CATECHISTS AND AIDES

Teach class on the 1st Wednesday of the month.

LEADERSHIP

We are always in need of Catechists and Aides to make these programs successful. Please consider serving in one of our programs.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

This program is offered in both the SOR program and ACS. In SOR, we provide it for both special needs children, as well as preschool-1st grade students. ACS offers it during school for both Kindergarten and 1st grade students.

Karen Newkirk

913-814-9009

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 6-10, 2016

VBS is the first full week of June where all children preschool through 5th grade are a part of an exciting week of games, Bible learning, theatre and more.

Youth

The Youth Ministry Program at Ascension is designed with every student in mind. Our approach is evangelistic and focuses on discipleship, prayer, and service. We hope that every teenager will get involved in his/her parish through one of our various opportunities. We encourage each student to visit our page on the website and be informed through our weekly calendar online.

S & L (SPIRIT & LIFE)

A CONFIRMATION EXPERIENCE

“Spirit & Life” is for the 8th grade students throughout our parish. All 8th graders (SOR, ACS and homeschooled) are asked to attend on Sunday nights from 6:30pm-8:00pm. The program is adapted from Lifeteen's "Oneight" Confirmation program. It includes games, snacks, prizes, prayer, small groups, and catechesis — all packaged in one night! More information regarding this program is available online at: www.kcascension.org.

We are excited to have your students be a part of this program.

Parent/parishioner volunteers are always needed. Volunteer duties range from leading a small group, to donating food, helping with set-up/decorating, etc.

A2J (ADDICTED TO JESUS)

A2J is for 6th-7th grade students and meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday each month from 5:30-6:30pm in the Youth Room and have games, skits, small groups, pizza and more! Occasionally, we meet off-site for laser tag, go-karting, etc.

HIGH SCHOOL (ZOOM)

Our high school youth meet on Wednesday nights. These nights are small-group based with an occasional gathered ministry and concerts sprinkled within. All freshmen through seniors are encouraged to attend each week. Bring friends and enjoy. Concerts are at 6 pm. 6—8 pm in the Youth Room.

FACE-TO-FACE

We have a family program we call “Face-to-Face” which is an hour of adoration with Benediction and live praise music with student-led meditation. This program is offered the first Sunday of every month from 7:00pm—8:00pm in the church. All ages are encouraged to attend and come and go as they please. It's a chance to sit back and relax and take some quiet time in prayer face-to-face with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. We hope more families will continue to grow in this ministry!

COFFEE SHOP

High school students can come and study, meet with other peers, chat with one of our youth ministers, share poetry, etc. Free coffee/hot cocoa is provided.

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Youth

ADULT LEADERSHIP

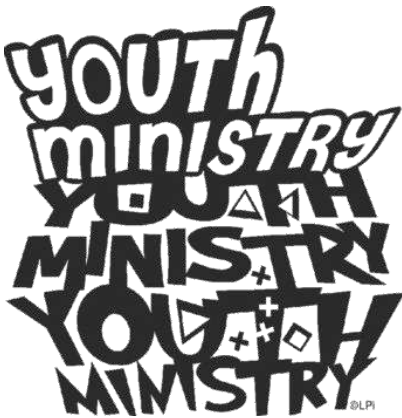
We are looking for volunteers for small faith groups, chaperones, hospitality, mentors, and other tasks. Virtus training required. Must be at least 21 years of age.

SUMMER TRIPS

Each year we take multiple week-long mission trips and conferences. Please check the website for details or call 681-7683 for more information.

KAIROS RETREAT PROGRAM

We offer three Kairos retreats each year. Kairos is a powerful retreat designed to help juniors and seniors in high school to grow deeper in the relationship with God, self, and others.



For additional information, contact **BECKY WRIGHT (PRINCIPAL)** @ 913-851 2531 x101 unless otherwise indicated

Ascension Catholic School

Ascension Catholic School is a Kindergarten through 8th grade parish school. Throughout the building, visitors will see the message that “Christ is the reason for this school. He is the unseen but ever-present teacher in its classes. He is the model of its faculty and the inspiration of its students.”

We have a strong academic program which is accredited by the State of Kansas and AdvancEd formerly the North Central Association. We follow the curriculum guidelines established by the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, a program designed to meet state and national standards for each subject area.

Our dedicated teachers guide students in religion, reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, Spanish, physical education, music, art, library skills, choir, band, and computer technology. Our staff provides instruction which respects students’ individual differences, nurtures the whole child, and prepares young people to meet the challenges of the 21st century. The services of a school counselor, nurse, and resource teachers are available on a regular basis. In addition, the school offers daily hot lunch and an after-school care program.

MISSION

The mission of Ascension Catholic School is to educate, celebrate, and serve in the spirit of Christ. Through the combined efforts of parents, teachers, and parishioners, each student will experience the support of a loving Christian community. They will also attain the necessary academic strengths, social skills, and spiritual development required to meet life’s challenges. By motivating each child in mind, body, and spirit, we foster a Christian value system, a sense of stewardship, and a life-long love of learning as we celebrate Catholic education within our parish community.

PTO PRESIDENT

Mary & Randy Wasinger 816-679-9070

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Lisa Connor 913-814-8663

*Be Merciful
As Your Father
Is Merciful*

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Access our Parish Online!



As a Registered Parishioner with an Email Address entered in our Church Database, you can access your parish records!

To set up your access, follow these simple steps!

- 1) Go to our church website at kcascension.org
- 2) At the bottom of the home page, click the link
“ACCESSACS”
- 3) *New Users:* Look for “Need a login? [Click here](#)
Enter requested information then click the link
“Find Me”
- 4) *Previous Users:* Log in with your email address or with your name (no spaces between first & last name) & your password
- 5) *For Questions:* Contact Maggie Wright in the church office at 913-681-3348 or at mwright@kcascension.org

PLANNED GIVING

Planned Giving provides future support to Church of the Ascension and offers one the opportunity to extend one's legacy of faith beyond their lifetime (examples: will, estate bequest, life insurance beneficiary, charitable gift annuity or beneficiary designation of 401 (k) or IRA).

I would like to receive information about **Planned Giving** to Church of the Ascension.

MATCHING GIFTS

Many companies will generously match their employees contributions to non-profit educational institutions.

I work for a **Matching Gift** company.

Employer: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

My COMMITMENT TO CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

We/I Commit to:

- Practice our/my Catholic faith by joyfully proclaiming, celebrating, witnessing, and serving Jesus Christ in our/my daily life (home, school, work, recreation).
- Share in the prayer life of the parish through weekly participation in the Mass and Holy Days of Obligation.
- Support the life and mission of the parish through acts of service by becoming active in at least one program or ministry of the parish.
- Practice financial stewardship to the best of our/my ability as an expression of gratitude to God.

Parishioner Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone (H / O / C): _____

*I/We have read this Stewardship Commitment Form of Time, Talent and Treasure and am/are committed to be in good standing with respect to **Stewardship: A Way of Life at Church of the Ascension.***

Signature: _____ Date: _____

MY COMMITMENT OF *TIME & TALENT* IS:

MY COMMITMENT OF *TREASURE* IS:

We/I have reviewed the parish ministries listed in the *Parish Ministry Guide* and we are/I am interested in volunteering Time & Talent to the following Ministries/Services below:

\$ _____ Weekly / Monthly / Annually

Through: Envelope Autodebit Other

Signature: _____

Date: _____ Envelope # : _____

Individual Name *Ministries/Services*

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Monthly Autodebit (Optional)

Continue to use Current Bank Information

Bank Name: _____

Account #: _____

Routing #: _____

Total Monthly Amount \$: _____

Debit my Account on:

The 5th: \$ _____ The 20th: \$ _____

Effective Date: _____

Signature: _____

PLEASE ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK

