

Mass Intentions for the Week



The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 5, 2014

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
 7:30 Brendan Mulvihill
 9:00 Anne & Harry Somo
 10:30 People of Ascension Parish
 12:00 Lisa Polisenio

Monday, January 6, 2014

7:00 Delia Lynch
 8:30 James Hines

Tuesday, January 7, 2014

7:00 Claudia Costello
 8:30 Dr. Jose R. Ruiz

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
 8:30 Patrick J. Delaney

Thursday, January 9, 2014

7:00 Antonio Munoz
 8:30 Angel Cabezudo, Sr.

Friday, January 10, 2014

7:00 Mary McGuire
 8:30 Linda Toronta (living-healing)

Saturday, January 11, 2014

8:30 Dondi Panganiban (living-healing)
 5:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans

The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 12, 2014

7:30 German Nativiviad Jr.
 9:00 Judy Pieklo
 10:30 People of Ascension Parish
 12:00 Bell-Verrett Family

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



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

December 22, 2013:	\$ 7,815.60
Parish Pay:	\$ 859.92
Christmas, December 25, 2013:	\$30,412.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 2,105.00

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

Readings for the Week of January 5, 2014

Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19--5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/ Mt 3:13-17

Today on the solemnity of the **Epiphany** we read about those mysterious “astrologers from the east” we often call “The Three Wise Men” or “Magi.” The gospel doesn’t actually say how many there were—some scholars have suggested as many as 12! But we do know they were *not* Jews. So, this feast celebrates the first public sharing of the gospel of Jesus Christ beyond the Jewish faith.

So, we see that not only is the salvation of Jesus open to non-Jews and people of all faiths or no faith... Jesus, the Savior, speaks intimately and specifically to each person, from playful childhood, to tough teen years... while we’re young adults or young married people... in the stressful, productive years of mid-life... and in the more reflective time of our elder years.

But the Wise Men or Magi came to Jesus because they believed strongly in the mystery of God. God’s will was a fierce reality to them; We, instead, are often people of the end product... even Christians ask for evidence and proof before believing in God’s presence. Do we think Jesus could not have had the feelings we feel?

But as Jesus grew from infancy, he experienced all of our emotions, from grief and fear, to rage and despair. Jesus was no wimp—he knows intimately every pain, joy, and struggle of living in our skin... no matter in what age, stage, or outrage we find ourselves. Jesus shows himself to us every day in the silent times... in the simple beauty of our ordinary family life... and in the dignity of “the daily grind”, our human work.

That makes today and every day an Epiphany!

✠ On this Epiphany Day, as we remember the Wise Men bringing their gifts to the child Jesus, let me thank all who have so generously given of themselves this Christmas here at Ascension—

—Thank You to those who helped to make our church so beautiful for the Christmas Season and to those who contributed for the trees and flowers.

—Thank you to our Clergy and Pastoral Staff, and to our Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Ushers, Liturgy and Worship Committee members, and especially our Choirs, Instrumentalists and Song Leaders for helping to make the Advent and Christmas liturgies so joyful and so richly meaningful. I offer a very special Thank You to Rosemary Brown who has been a Leader of Song at Ascension for 20 years. As she “retires” from this ministry, may God reward her richly for sharing her talents with us all these years.

—Thank you to our good and faithful Sunday and Monday money counters.

—Thank you to all the members of the Ministry of the Word, to our Religious Education coordinators, catechists and aides, to those who lead our Children’s Liturgy of the Word, to our parents who entrust their children to our care, to our children who joyfully receive God’s Word through our Religious Education program, to members of our Baptism Prep Team, and to members of our Marriage Prep Team.

—Thank you to those who took care of our Giving Tree and the gifts for the needy, and to all in our Food Pantry who helped to make sure the less fortunate could celebrate Christmas.

—Of course, special thanks to our parishioners for your presence in our Ascension family and for the generous stewardship of treasure so many of you continue to offer to this parish. I always feel so blessed being here among you wonderful people.

—Thank you to those who sent gifts, cards, and “goodies” to the Rectory for Christmas. Your kind thoughtfulness is always appreciated!

May our celebration of Epiphany remind us of the gifts we are called to be to one another each and every day!

✠ The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, January 12th, concludes the Christmas Season. We will take down our Christmas decorations on Monday, January 13th, after the 8:30am Mass. As always, our parishioners are invited to come and lend a hand. Many hands make for less work for all.

✠ Please, please, please...Mark your calendars...Save these dates...

Parish Pancake Breakfast...Sunday, January 19th. Tickets will be pre-sold. NO tickets at the door.

Our Mardi Gras Comedy Night and Beefsteak Dinner... Saturday, March 1st...7:30pm to 11:30pm...

Beginning in February tickets will be available in the church vestibule after all weekend Masses.

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

P. David



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

YOU'RE INVITED

I would like to extend a personal invitation to all families of elementary school age children to visit Transfiguration Academy, during Catholic Schools Week; Sunday, Jan. 26 through Friday, Jan. 31, 2014. We will begin the week-long celebration on Sunday the 26th with a new event, "the Transfiguration Experience" Teachers of our various grades, subject areas and sports programs will have information tables set up in Conlon Hall from 10AM to 1P.M to discuss the many programs offered and the school spirit which makes Transfiguration one of, if not the finest elementary school in the Archdiocese. The H.S.A. will also be serving a pancake breakfast.

Tours of the school will also be offered.

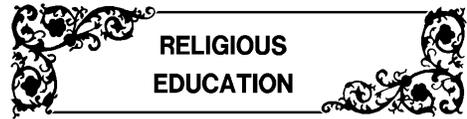
If you cannot visit during Catholic Schools Week, we would be happy to make individual appointments for you to tour the school and discuss the benefits of sending your child/children to Transfiguration. Call us at 201-384-3627. Our address is 10 Bradley Ave. Bergenfield, N.J. 07621.

Sincerely,
Mr. Tralongo
Principal

The following are reprints excerpts from two unsolicited letters from parents. We believe they speak for themselves (Edited due to space limitations)

Ltr. 1: Hello— I just want to give you an update on my daughter. We completed another budget and eliminated some line- items that we and the kids can do without. Mr. Tralongo, I want you to know why I want her to stay I can honestly say this is the first year that I have not had to pull my hair out, with my daughter not understanding the coursework. If she does not understand, she goes to tutoring with her teacher after school. This has helped tremendously. In addition, when I received the Terra Nova test scores I thought she did extremely well in reading and language arts. I feel the bar is raised at Transfiguration and children will usually rise to the occasion.

Ltr. 2: Mr. Tralongo, when my daughter got home yesterday(from her high school), she was talking a mile a minute about all her former teachers and bringing me up do date. while I know she has an edge in being prepared for religious studies, as it's been a part of her core curriculum since forever, it made me smile (inside and out) because she gets it! She is confident, content and eager to share what she has learned. It just made me feel very happy and proud that she realizes how much better off she is for having been a part of Transfiguration.



CALENDAR:

Sunday, January 5th – Pre-K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

Monday, January 6th – 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Wednesday, January 8th -- 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Sunday, January 12th -- Pre-K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

Religious Education will resume on Sunday, January 5, 2014. For Pre-K to 6th, Monday, January 6th for 8th grade and Wednesday, January 8th for 9th grades.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

We will resume today Sunday January 5, 2014. All students in Pre-K to 5th grade are invited to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together as a family

There will be a 1st Grade Parents Meeting on Sunday, January 12th at 10:15 am in the Fr. Davis Multi-Purpose Room. This is a **Mandatory Meeting** and at least one parent must attend.

There is a **Mandatory** Eight Grade Parents/ Student meeting on **January 27, 2014** at 7:00 pm in the Church. **All students and parents are to attend if your child would like to be in the Confirmation Class of 2015.**

Office Hours:

Monday – Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm

Monday and Wednesday Evenings: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm

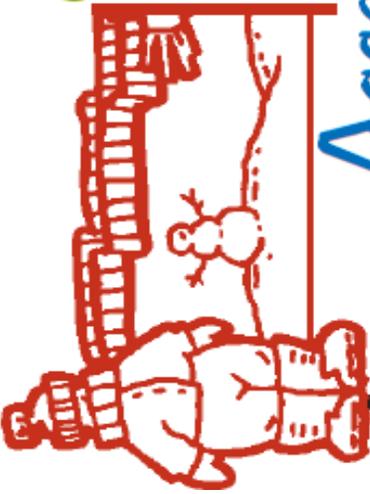
Sunday: 10 am to 12 pm (Noon)

Closed; Thursday & Saturday

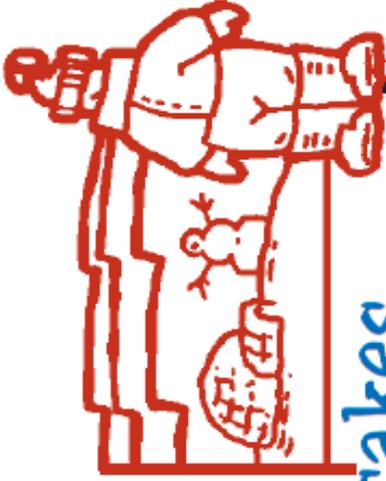
Other times by appointment

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Just a reminder for those who made a pledge to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal for 2013. If you have not fulfilled your pledge please do so. Every fulfilled Pledge Counts! Thank you.

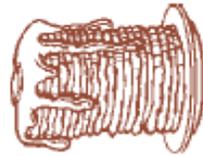


Come IN out of the COLD!
Warm Yourself!



Ascension House Of Pancakes

Pancakes



returns for our

Bacon Sausage



Relief for the Phillipines

French Toast

Eggs

Breakfast Buffet

Sunday, January 19, 2014

8am to 1pm

Good Company

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

FR. BENEDICT CENTER

1092 CARNATION DRIVE

NEW MILFORD

HOT Coffee
HOT Chocolate
Tea

Donations:
\$8.00 per person
(Children under 3...Free)



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Jack Wall, Peggy Lacey, Eileen Burke, Michael Cullen, Joseph Gorgone, John Burke, Sue Figalora, Bob Stasi, Peggy Funesti, Denis Mullins, Patricia Burke, Eleanor Pompeo, Alyssa Brady, Theodore DeSteno, Dolores DeMatteo, Barbara Riley, Alex Kuhr, Jim Crowley, Linda Krahling, Barbara Santore, William Schettinger, Yvonne Payne, Rosemarie Salimbene, Marge Bruno, Jim Keane, Monica Vivas, Margaret Bitetti, Theresa Ruocco, Kay Harrington, Adem Shavelli, Joseph Albanese, Joe Hartney, Marguerite Morris, Ann Marie Lopresti. 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
All Men and Women serving in our countries Armed Forces.

"a time for peace..."

President Barack Obama, our National Leaders
and all World Leaders.

"a time to die..."

Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Petrillo

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11

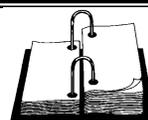


The **SANCTUARY CANDLE**
burns this week in loving memory of
William & Elizabeth Morris

BREAD and WINE this week
are in loving memory of
William & Elizabeth Morris



Altar Flowers for this week are
in loving Memory of
William & Elizabeth Morris



**The
Week
Ahead**

Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday, January 5, 2014

Parish Maintenance & Repairs

Children's Liturgy of the Word 9:00am
Church, Gathering Room

Religious Education - 10:15am - School

Baptism Prep. - 1:15pm - Gathering Room

Monday, January 6, 2014

Pastoral Staff Mtg. - 9:00am - Rectory Mtg. Rm.

Religious Education Gd. 8 - 7:00pm - School

Tuesday, January 7, 2014

Woodcrest Center Mass - 2:30pm

Parish Events - 7:30pm - Gathering Room

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Religious Education Gr.9 - 7:00pm - School

Novena - 7:30pm - Church

Thursday, January 9, 2014

Children's Choir - 3:45pm - Church

RCIA - 7:00pm - Gathering Room

Combined Choir's - 7:30pm - Church

Friday, January 10, 2014

Buildings & Grounds Mtg.-7:30pm - Rectory

Saturday, January 11, 2014

Confessions - 11:00am - Church

Baptism of the Lord, Sunday, January 12, 2014

Children's Liturgy of the Word 9:00am

Church, Gathering Room

Religious Education - 10:15am - School

Noon Mass for Santo Nion

Receptions follows Fr. Benedict Ctr.

Baptism - 1:30pm - Church

Ministries

PARISH EVENTS MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2014

7:30PM IN THE GATHERING ROOM

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS MEETING

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2014

7:30PM IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM



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201-385-2226
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

You are invited to make a donation toward the Christmas trees, wreaths and flowers which will continue to be used to decorate our church throughout this festive season.

Donations may be made in memory of a loved one.

Donation: \$10. for each intention.

Please put your donation and intention in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" and drop it in the collection basket or at the Rectory.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

In Memory of: _____
_____, _____
or the Intention of: _____

Donated by: _____
Phone: _____

Please Print Clearly

TRAFFICKING AWARENESS PANEL

**St. Peter the Apostle Church
445 Fifth Avenue River Edge
Wednesday January 8, 2014**

Human trafficking is one of the most lucrative criminal enterprises in the world. New Jersey is a prime location for this activity because it is a major international transportation and shipping corridor. With the coming Super Bowl, alertness and response to the problem have intensified among law enforcement, civic, and faith based groups. A panel of experts will share their knowledge and expertise about the extent of this form of human slavery and the means to combat it. We will also learn how we as individuals can join in the fight.

Panelists include: Chief Tom Cariddi of the River Edge Police Department; Andrew Bustillo and Peggy Healy, Covenant House Directors, and Maryanne Olsen, Founder of New Hope for Children, Cross cultural Institute. Attendance is free; donations will be accepted. To accommodate everyone, please register by contacting mbertani@saint-peter.org.

MEMORIALS

"THANK YOU"...to those who have contributed to our Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below. When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please call Fr. David at the Rectory (201)836-8961.

Additional Memorials: (circle appropriate memorial)

MEMORIAL CANDLES:	\$150/1 Year
	\$20/30 Days
ALTAR BREAD AND WINE	\$40
ALTAR FLOWERS	\$50 (per basket)
SANCTUARY CANDLE	\$15

MEMORIAL FUND

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Donation Amt.: _____
In Memory of: _____
Date Requested: _____



Epiphany of Our Lord

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

MATTHEW 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow. Each of us is called to open our gifts before Jesus, offering Him what He needs. If you have trouble with this idea, keep one of the Magi from your Nativity set on your desk all year as a reminder to bring your gifts to Jesus.

St. Joseph KofC Free Throw Championship

St Joseph Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring it's local Council Championship. All boys and girls age 9 to 14 are invited to participate. All participants will be recognized for their participation. The event will take place on Saturday January 18 at St. Joseph School Gym. Registration begins at 2:30PM Competition begins at 3:00PM. For additional information contact: Bob Osterlof at 201 370 3404 or visit our website at kofc3814.org