

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



## *Mass & Intentions for the Week*

### **Second Sunday of Lent, March 16, 2014**

5:30 Maria Caridad Eustaquio  
 7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
 9:00 Alfred Carbone  
 10:30 Lourdes & Antonio Cruz  
 12:00 Alfraiz Cajucom

### **Monday, March 17, 2014**

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee  
 8:30 Thomas Meyer

### **Tuesday, March 18, 2014**

7:00 All Souls in Purgatory  
 8:30 Desamparados Hontanosas, 1st Anniv.

### **Wednesday, March 19, 2014**

7:00 Fernandez Pena Family  
 8:30 Joseph J. Plog

### **Thursday, March 20, 2014**

7:00 Antointte Giardano  
 8:30 Con & Rose Lynch

### **Friday, March 21, 2014**

7:00 Alfred Caldo, Sr.  
 8:30 Larry Figalora, Ninth Anniversary  
 7:30 Mary Buckley

### **Saturday, March 22, 2014**

8:30 Sharon Hartlein  
 5:30 Joseph Martin Buda

### **Third Sunday of Lent, March 23, 2014**

7:30 Linda Krahling  
 9:00 Rosemarie Piro  
 10:30 Edward Harrington  
 12:00 People of Ascension Parish

### PARISH **\$**TEWARDSHIP REPORT WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



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

March 9, 2014:	\$7,724.00
ParishPay:	\$ 851.74
Retired Priests:	\$2,155.00
Peter's Pence:	\$1,814.00

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 March 16, 2014

Sunday:	Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/ Mt 17:1-9
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5- 42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Today's gospel about the **Transfiguration of Jesus** is dramatically filled with the sacred light that is always identified with the presence of God. As Jesus took Peter, James and John onto the mountain, first Jesus' face "shone like the sun" and his clothing was "white as light." Then the voice of God came from a "bright cloud."

Jesus was about to journey to Jerusalem for his eventual death; he had come to this mountain to seek and confirm the will of God for his life, before undertaking this frightening step.

This cloud which now over-shadowed Jesus stood for nothing less than the glory of Almighty God ("shechinah"). With God's words, "This is my beloved son... listen to him," Jesus was receiving the ultimate confirmation of his decision to make that terrible journey to the Cross. Jesus is truly "Light from Light, true God from true God," as we say in the Nicene Creed.

Seeing the Light, Peter's "man of action" response was to construct tents for the holy ones. But this is a time for awe and silence, not action. So Jesus has to say to Peter, in effect, "Don't just do something—stand there!"

At difficult times in our lives, we, too, would like to feel useful by keeping busy. But God may be asking us to "just stand there," worshipping in awe as a profound stillness settles over us... letting our hearts rise up to the greatness of God in sheer wonder, just resting in God's presence.

As Lent goes on, we know the pain and suffering that is ahead for Jesus—because we feel the power of sin in our own lives. We can return to the mountain-top for courage and renewal during Lent, if we remember to "Be still and know that I am God."

✠ Pick up your homemade **Irish Soda Bread** in honor of St. Patrick after all Masses at the table in the front vestibule of the church.

✠ Don't forget about our invitation to march in the **Bergenfield St. Patrick's Day Parade** this Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> Line-up begins at 1:30pm. Please contact me if you will join us in honoring St. Patrick.

✠ Don't forget to purchase your tickets this weekend for our **Parish Lenten Fish and Chips Dinner** on Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in the Fr. Benedict Center. This will be hosted by our 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Candidates. Remember, tickets (\$8.00) must be purchased in advance. Tickets are available from our Confirmation Candidates, in the front vestibule of the church, or from the Rectory Office. **No tickets will be sold at the door.**

✠ Please plan ahead to be with us on Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. We will join together for our **Parish Lenten Evening of Reflection** which will include a Soup Supper (Free Will Donation), Stations of the Cross, Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour, opportunity for individual sacramental Reconciliation, and Benediction.

✠ Through an arrangement with **Wine and Roses**, we are offering parishioners an opportunity to purchase **PALM CROSSES**. The Crosses, fashioned from palm with an attractive purple, red or yellow bow, can be used for grave sites or for our homes. The price is \$10.00 and the crosses will be distributed after all Masses on April 5/6, the weekend before Palm Sunday. Please complete the form in the bulletin and return it to the Rectory Office on or before **April 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

#### ✠ **ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2014**

Our 2014 goal is \$53,400.00. Thank you to the 240 parish families who made pledges and contributions. We have already reached \$45,270.00 in pledges. There is still time to make a pledge. Brochures are in the pews and at the doors of the church. Please consider making a pledge and pray about it. I pray that each parish family will step up and support this Appeal. May God continue to bless all at Ascension with generous hearts.

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

*Fr. David*



## TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY



### Heart Association Fundraiser

Led by the Student Rosary Society, Transfiguration students raised \$270 for the American Heart Association. The Heart Association is one of several charitable donations made by the school to various causes, as Transfiguration Academy students put their faith into action.

### Academy Student Wins Lion's Club Peace Poster Contest

First place in the Lion's Club Peace poster contest went to Lorenzo Cortezano, an eighth grade student, for his poster "Out World, Our Future. Lorenzo's poster will be on display at the Bergenfield Library through March 26<sup>th</sup>.



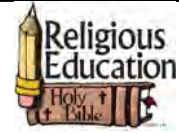
### Happy St. Patrick's Day

May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
and rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand



*"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." GENESIS 12:1*

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land, a better place than the rat race we often live in now.



### CALENDAR:

Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> -- Pre-K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> –9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> -- Pre-K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

Children's Liturgy of the Word is during the 9 am Mass for the children in Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Remember this is a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.



### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

**Friday, March 21, 2014**—Parish Fish and Chip Lenten Supper from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. **All 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Candidates.** Must meet in the Fr. Benedict Center no later than 4:45 pm. This is Mandatory for ALL 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Candidates.

**Sunday, March 30, 2014** First Communion Retreat- starting with 9 am Mass—This is a Mandatory Retreat. After Mass all First Communion Candidates will go to class and parents will return at 11:45 am to continue with the retreat. At least one parent must attend. If you are in need of Child Care PLEASE call the Religious Education Office by Tuesday March 25, 2014, so we can arrange for help.

Sign-Ups for Our Lenten Journey for teens is open to all teens in 7<sup>th</sup> grade thru 12<sup>th</sup>. We will meet on Thursday evenings in the school at 7 pm. Please see the Bulletin for further information or contact the Religious Education office.

### Volunteers Needed:

We are in need of Catechists, Aides and **Class Parents** for our Religious Education Program for the 2014 – 2015 School year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085 during office hours.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Team member. This is a great opportunity for college students or student teachers to gain experience share their faith and work with students in a relaxed atmosphere. Anyone interested please, call the Religious Education office.

### 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

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

**FISH AND CHIPS**

**LENTEN DINNER**

Friday, March 21, 2014

5:30pm to 7:30pm

Salad

Fish and Chips

Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate

Dessert

(Sponsored by our parish 9th Grade Candidates for Confirmation, 2014)

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION  
FR. BENEDICT CENTER  
1092 CARNATION DRIVE  
NEW MILFORD

**Tickets:**

- + available from Confirmation Candidates and in the Rectory Office
  - + must be purchased by March 17<sup>th</sup>
  - + NO tickets sold at the door
- Donation:  
\$8.00 per person

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**Fish and Chips Lenten Dinner 2014**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Persons @ \$8.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Please make checks payable to: Church of the Ascension)





"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Bernard Lombardelli, Andrew Comer, Marcella Sweeney, Matthew Sammon, Peggy Evans, Janet Sweeney, Anna Gorgone, Frances Lanzilotti, Anita Zucconi, Jack Wall, Eileen Burke, Michael Cullen, Joseph Gorgone, John Burke, Sue Figalora, Bob Stasi, Peggy Funesti, Patricia Burke, Eleanor Pompeo, Alyssa Brady, Dolores DeMatteo, Barbara Riley, Alex Kuhr, 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.

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..."

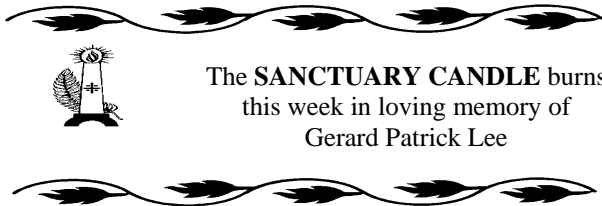
President Barack Obama, our National Leaders  
and all World Leaders.

"a time to die..."

Espranza Cordon

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



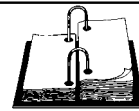
The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns  
this week in loving memory of  
Gerard Patrick Lee

**FINDING OUR WAY THROUGH LENT WITH JOSEPH  
THE MAN WHO RAISED JESUS**

Saint Joseph Church, Oradell/New Milford, NJ is sponsoring three very special evenings--**March 17-18-19 from 7:30-9 pm** --featuring **Fr. Gary Caster**, author of *Joseph, the Man Who Raised Jesus* (Franciscan Media © 2013).

Join us for one (or all) of the evenings as Fr. Caster helps us come to understand, appreciate and grow closer to this remarkable saint--the "pillar of families," the "hope of the afflicted"-- as we journey with him through Lent.

In addition to prayer and refreshments each evening, confessions will be heard on Tues., Mar. 18. The Solemnity of Saint Joseph Wed., Mar. 19--will include Mass and a Saint Joseph Sharing Table. **All are welcome!** Saint Joseph Church is located at 300 Elm Street, Oradell, NJ 07649. For more information call Diane at [201-261-0148](tel:201-261-0148) or email her at [hellriegeld@sjcnj.org](mailto:hellriegeld@sjcnj.org)



The  
Week  
Ahead

**Second Sunday of Lent, March 16, 2014**

Food Pantry Sunday  
Distribute Irish Soda Bread  
Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9:00am  
Church/Gathering Room  
Religious Education - 10:15am - School

**Monday, March 17, 2014**

**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

Religious Education Grade 8 - 7:00pm - School

**Tuesday, March 18, 2014**

Woodcrest Center, Communion Service - 2:30pm  
Parish Events Meeting - 7:30pm - Gathering Room

**Wednesday, March 19, 2014- Solemnity of St. Joseph**

Religious Education Grade 9 - 7:00pm - School  
Novena - 7:30pm - Church  
Filipino Core Meeting - 8:00pm - Gathering Room

**Thursday, March 20, 2014**

Children's Choir - 3:45pm - Church  
RCIA - 7:00pm - Gathering Room  
Combined Choirs - 7:30pm - Church

**Friday, March 21, 2014**

Set up FBC for Parish Fish & Chips Lenten Dinner  
Lenten Fish & Chips Dinner - 5:30pm - Fr. Benedict Ctr  
Mass with Stations of the Cross - 7:30pm - Church

**Saturday, March 22, 2014**

Confessions - 11:00am - Church

**Third Sunday of Lent, March 23, 2014**

Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9:00am  
Church/Gathering Room  
Religious Education - 10:15am - School  
CFC-FFL - 1:30pm - Multi-Purpose Room



**PARISH EVENTS MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 18TH AT 7:30PM  
IN THE GATHERING ROOM**



**REMEMBER DURING LENT**

Mass on Friday's at 7:30pm  
followed by Stations of the Cross.

Also, we have placed "**Five Minutes with the Word for Lent 2014**" in our parish book rack. Please take one for yourself and even another for a friend

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### MEMORIALS

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

Additional Memorials: (circle appropriate memorial)

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

### MEMORIAL FUND

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

### Lenten Fasting and Feasting...

Let us...

- ...**fast** from complaining and **feast** on gratitude
- ...**fast** from harsh judgments and **feast** on kind thoughts
- ...**fast** from worry and **feast** on trust in God to provide
- ...**fast** from discouragement and **feast** upon hope
- ...**fast** from bitterness and **feast** on forgiveness
- ...**fast** from hatred and **feast** upon returning good for evil
- ...**fast** from anger and **feast** on patience
- ...**fast** from pettiness and **feast** on becoming mature
- ...**fast** from jealousy and **feast** on praying for trust
- ...**fast** from gossiping and **feast** on controlling your tongue
- ...**fast** from sin and **feast** on virtue
- ...**fast** from giving up and **feast** on perseverance

### St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program

St. Joseph Council No 3814 is pleased to announce that \$1,000 Scholarships will be awarded to two 8<sup>th</sup> graders planning to attend a Catholic High School in the fall of 2014. Eligible scholarship applicants must be registered with St. Joseph Parish in Oradell, NJ or Ascension Parish in New Milford, NJ. Selection will be based on criteria including extracurricular activities focusing on service to the church, school, and community, and an essay on the value of the Knights of Columbus principles of **Charity, Unity, Fraternity** and **Patriotism**.

Completed applications must be returned to St. Joseph Council and postmarked no later than **Monday, April 28, 2014**. Winners will be notified in May. Applications can be downloaded from our website at [www.kofcstjoseph.org](http://www.kofcstjoseph.org). For additional information contact Jeff Walters at 201-925-7174.



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### 2014 Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2014

“When I called, you answered”

Thank you to the 240 parishioners who have made pledges amounting to \$45,270.00 to the 2014 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. With your help, we can reach and hopefully surpass our goal of \$53,400.00.

If you have not done so, please remember to return your completed pledge envelope for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. You may place the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the office. For those who have already made a gift, thank you for your support.

### Our Food Pantry Collection takes place This Weekend

We are in need of the following items:

- Paper Towels\*Toilet Tissue\*Shampoo\*Conditioner\*
- Razors\*Soap\*Corned Beef Hash\*Canned Chicken\*
- Pork and Beans\*Salad Dressing\*Tomato Juice\*
- Grape Juice\*Pineapple Juice\*
- Instant Coffee\*Beets\*Raisin Bran

**Thank you for your continued support  
of this outreach ministry.**



### ARCHBISHOP JOHN J. MYERS JOINS IN CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES

Once again, the Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark is preparing the annual celebration honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five or fifty years of Christian marriage in the year 2014. These liturgies will be celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers and held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

April 6, 2014

3:00pm – 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
All Counties

May 4, 2014

3:00pm -- 25<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
All Counties

It is our desire to have every couple in the Archdiocese deserving of such recognition be present at the appropriate liturgy. The presence of a large number of couples will give favorable witness to the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today's society.

If you are celebrating one of these milestone anniversaries, contact the rectory at (201) 836-8961 for registration.

**Deadline for reservations: Monday, March 24, 2014**

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