

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week



EASTER SUNDAY, The Resurrection of the Lord

8:30 **Easter Vigil**
 7:30 **All Ascension**
 9:00 **Parishioner**
 10:30 **Living and**
 12:00 **Deceased**

Monday, April 21, 2014

7:00 Theresa Canino
 8:30 Ann Marie Lopresti

Tuesday, April 22, 2014

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
 8:30 Paul Eberhardt

Wednesday, April 23, 2014

7:00 Rita Behson
 8:30 Paul J. Eberhardt

Thursday, April 24, 2014

7:00 Aleykuty Uthuppan Valothil
 8:30 Mary Hicky

Friday, April 25, 2014

7:00 Thanksgiving-The Yu Family
 8:30 Marcial S. Quijano

Saturday, April 26, 2014

7:00 Michael O'Hara
 8:30 John Carbone

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY, April 27

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
 9:00 Alfred Carbone
 10:30 Ann Frederikson
 12:00 Thanksgiving for the Lobo Family

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT
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**Readings for the Week of
 April 20, 2014**

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35
 Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
 Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/ Jn 20:19-31

Alleluia! Alleluia!! Alleluia!!! By his death and Resurrection, Jesus has destroyed sin and death forever!! And he has done it, not by brute force and violence, but by being the Suffering Servant who willingly laid down his life so that we and every creature loved into life by God would have that life forever. Who would not want to say "Amen! Alleluia!" to that!?

Today, Jesus' beloved friend, Mary Magdalene, comes as a seeker, needing closure and proof of what seems unbelievable. She is desperately grieving and longing to see her Lord.... Just as we feel when someone we love has died. We have that sense of unreality, "I can't believe they're really gone." But today we learn that Jesus and all of our loved ones are still alive! It is like a dream that we almost can't believe!

Mary came to the tomb, looking for the dead Jesus. But through the miracle of Easter, she finds the living Lord. Or, better, the living Lord finds her. Because, even if we are grieving, disillusioned with life, or filled with fear or shame at something in our life—God never stops calling us by name.

And that is exactly why we are all here today. We gather together to "re-member" the Body of Christ—to re-tell the stories of faith, to eat and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus, "in memory of Him." Mary said, "I have seen the Lord." Let us hold these words of life close to our hearts as we celebrate with joy this Easter feast.

We find the Easter Jesus' words of life where we find men and women alive with love for neighbors, near and afar. We find the Easter Jesus' words of life when we see people caring for each other in all of the difficulties that life can bring, the many storms we weather in our own daily lives. We find the Easter Jesus' words of life in our parish priests and our pastoral staff who care for us in our need. We find the Easter Jesus' words of life in the many ministers who serve us so faithfully at our Eucharistic Liturgies: altar servers, lectors, special ministers of the Eucharist, leaders of our Children's Liturgy of the Word, cantors, choirs, ushers, liturgy planners, decorators, and sacristans. We find the Easter Jesus' words of life in our parish ministers who visit the homebound and those in Woodcrest Center, nursing homes and hospitals. We find the Easter Jesus' words of life in the members of our Word, Worship, Community Building and Service Ministries. We find the Easter Jesus' words of life in the members of our parish Finance Council and Buildings and Grounds Committees. We find the Easter Jesus' words of life in our parishioners who minister to us through social events that allow us to see the Risen Jesus not only in the confines of the church building, but in all of our parish life. We find the Easter Jesus' words of life in our parishioners who serve the hungry poor through our parish Food Pantry, and Hackensack walk-in for the homeless. We find the Easter Jesus' words of life in the caring, concern, and faith sharing of our catechists, parents, and students of our Religious Education Programs and Transfiguration Academy. We find the Easter Jesus' words of life when we see parents taking care of their children, even though it means giving up so much, so often. We find the Easter Jesus' words of life in our parishioners' lively faith and generous stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure, like the hours spent in preparing liturgical ceremonies, decorating our church for special Holy Days, and our generous response to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. We find the Easter Jesus' words of life in the leaders and participants of our parish "Open Our Hearts" Lenten Program.

Easter calls us to live with a hope-filled, positive and encouraging attitude. We find the Easter Jesus' words of life whenever you and I bring some genuine life to another person. There are so many ways in which we can bring new life to our family and friends. It seems we can never get enough gentle and genuine encouragement in our lives. When we live Jesus' Easter words, we are helping people to believe in the new life that Jesus offers through the earth-shattering event we call the Resurrection. On this Easter day I offer a special **THANK YOU** to all who allow the risen Jesus to bring new life to Ascension. May we, in turn, speak Jesus' Easter words of new life to one another. May the risen Jesus continue to Easter in each of us.

✠ Because so many parishioners have commented positively about the Five Minutes with the Word Lenten booklets, **Five Minutes with the Word for Easter** are available for you in the book rack in the back of the church. Please take one for yourself and feel free to take a couple to share with your friends. They'll appreciate the thought!

✠ Please help us keep flowers around the church for the entire Easter season—6 more weeks. There is still time to donate toward **Easter Flowers**. A form is inserted in the bulletin.

Happy Easter, everyone!

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

P. David



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY



The Administration, Faculty and Staff
of Transfiguration Academy wish
you and yours

A Blessed and Happy Easter

*Transfiguration Academy—
Strengthening Faith, Enlightening
minds, Transforming hearts
One Student at a Time*

REGISTRATION

Registration is now open to all children interested in attending Transfiguration Academy, **Pre K 2 Plus through 8th grade**, for the 2014/2015 school year.

All eligible students may be enrolled by visiting the school office. We will be happy to conduct tours of our facilities and discuss our outstanding curriculum and the latest technological advances which make Transfiguration Academy a leader in Educational Excellence.

If you wish to arrange an appointment to tour the facilities and see the school in session please call 201-834-3627.

We invite you to visit our website:

www.transfigurationacademy.org



TRICKY TRAY/PASTA DINNER

Transfiguration Academy's H.S.A. is holding our 8th annual Tricky Tray with a Pasta Dinner on Friday, May 9, 2014 at St. John's Conlon Hall. Doors open at 5:00, dinner served at 6:30, prizes pulled at 7:30. The tickets are \$18.00 per person if purchased by May 2, 2012 and \$22.00 if purchase after that date. Included in the ticket price is 1 sheet of Level One Prize Tickets, a Pasta Dinner, soda (during dinner only), salad, dessert, coffee and tea. Children's ticket to the dinner only will be \$10.00, \$12.00 if purchased after May 3rd and will **not** include Prize Tickets. Discount ticket packages are also available, as well as individual tickets. For more information please contact Ann-201-349-3870 or RJ-201-637-5604. Table Reservations will only be accepted for 8 more people. Tickets will be available at the school office, Monday-Friday during school hours.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Alleluia, Alleluia He is Risen

CALENDAR:

Sunday, April 20th -- No Religious Education -- Easter Sunday
Monday, April 21st -- 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
Wednesday, April 23rd -- 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
Sunday, April 27th -- Pre-K thru 6th 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 5th grades.

Remember this is a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

First Eucharist Reminder:

The will be a **MANDATORY rehearsal** on Tuesday April 29, 2013 at 6:45 pm, in the Church. At least on parent **MUST** attend. This is for all Masses.

CONFIRMATION:

2014 Confirmation Students and Parents: Any outstanding paper work is due ASAP.

9th Grade Confirmation Retreat will be **Wednesday, May 7, 2014**.

All candidates are to report to the Fr. Benedict Center by 4 pm. This is a Mandatory retreat and all must be here.

Registration for 2014-2015:

Registration forms the 2014-2015 School year were distributed to all students, please look for them in your child's backpack. Kindly fill out the forms and return them along with the fees to the Religious Education office before June 30th. All families that are new to the program are asked to come to the Religious Education Office and pick up a Registration Form. For more information please call us at 201-836-3085.

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



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EASTER SUNDAY

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*We welcome you all to our celebration of **Easter 2014** here at Ascension.*

We especially welcome those who have been away from Ascension due to school, illness or living elsewhere for whatever reason. It is good to have you home again. Welcome to all visitors.

Thank you for choosing to celebrate your Easter with us.

Easter is the most beautiful and holiest time of year, when we celebrate Jesus' new life shared with us at Easter and all throughout the year – the gift of life, the gift of faith, and the gift of each other.

We invite you to share in many important celebrations of Jesus' new life shared with us during the seven weeks of the Easter Season.

*On the weekend of May 3/4, we will celebrate **First Holy Communion** at specific weekend Masses.*

*We will observe **Mother's Day** on May 11th, and during the 9am Mass we will celebrate our annual **Crowning of our Blessed Mother**. We will celebrate the **Blessing of Mothers** at all weekend Masses.*

*On Saturday, May 17th at 11am, we will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit into the lives of our young men and women in the **sacrament of Confirmation**.*

*Then on the Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 18th, we will celebrate **Communal Anointing of the Sick**, during Mass at 12:00 Noon.*

*On the weekend of May 25/26, **Christians of the Holy Land** will visit Ascension and make available to us their hand made olive wood creations.*

*We will celebrate our **Parish Feast Day, Ascension Thursday**, May 29th with great fanfare as our **Co-Adjutor Archbishop Bernard Hebda** celebrates the 7:30pm Mass, which is followed by our **"Make your own Ice Cream Sundae."***

What a special day for us!

*On June 8th, the **Solemnity of Pentecost**, we celebrate the special presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We will observe **Father's Day** on this weekend with the **Blessing of Fathers** at all weekend Masses.*

We end the Easter Season

*on the weekend of June 15th, **Most Holy Trinity Sunday**.*

*On Sunday, June 22nd, we will celebrate **Corpus Christi** at 12:00 Noon Mass followed by our annual Corpus Christi Procession.*

I encourage you to immerse yourself in the spirit and graces of the season by participating in these special celebrations and I ask that you bring someone you love with you.

My prayer is that Christ, whose resurrection we now celebrate, may dwell in your hearts and in your homes throughout this season of joy.

A Most Blessed Easter!



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Rev. John McGovern, Florence Lobasky, 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.

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE
burns this week in loving memory of
Grace Mason

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 8th 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. For additional information contact Jeff Walters at 201-925-7174.



EASTER SUNDAY, April 20, 2014

Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30am, 12 Noon
NO Religious Education

Monday, April 21, 2014

Religious Education Grade 8 – 7:00pm School

Tuesday, April 22, 2014

Woodcrest Center, Rosary - 2:30pm

Wednesday, April 23, 2014

Harrison House
Religious Education – Grade 9 – 7:00pm
Novena - 7:30pm - Church

Thursday, April 24, 2014

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

Friday, April 25, 2014

No Events

Saturday, April 26, 2014

Mass 8:30am followed by Divine Mercy Novena
Confessions – 11:00am – Church

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 27, 2014

Pilgrimage – bus departs at 7:00am
Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:00am – Church/GR
Religious Education – School
Last class for grades Pre-K-Grade 6



Our sincere thanks to our parishioner John Stracquandano and his family, owner of the Italian Connection in Dumont, for the generous donation of delicious homemade soups that were enjoyed by all at our Penitential Soup Supper at our Parish Lenten Evening of Recollection.



PAINTERS NEEDED

We are looking for experienced painters to help with projects in and around the parish facilities. What a wonderful way to be a Steward beginning this Lent. Please contact the rectory office or speak to Father David if you are willing to share your Time & Talent with your parish. Thank you.

EASTER SUNDAY

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 per week
ALTAR FLOWERS	\$50 (per basket/per week)
SANCTUARY CANDLE	\$15 per week

MEMORIAL FUND

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



EASTER FLOWERS

You are invited to make a donation toward the Easter Flowers, which will be used to decorate our Church. Donations may be made in memory of a loved one or a special intention. Each intention donation is \$10.00 please place form & donation in an envelope marked "EASTER FLOWERS" & drop off at the rectory.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY

In Memory of: _____

_____, _____

For the Intention of: _____

_____, _____

Requested By: _____

Phone: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Canonization of Popes John XXIII and John Paul II

On Sunday, April 27, 2014 the Church and all men and women of goodwill throughout the World will celebrate the Canonizations of Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II. When our Holy Father, Pope Francis, presides at the Sacred Liturgies in Rome His Grace, Archbishop Myers will be joining in those celebrations in Rome. On that same day, our Coadjutor Archbishop, The Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda, will lead our Archdiocesan celebration as he presides at a Holy Hour with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Sung Evening Prayer in our Cathedral Basilica beginning at 3pm. Please mark your calendars, to take advantage of this opportunity to join in this blessed and magnificent event in the life of our Church and the World.



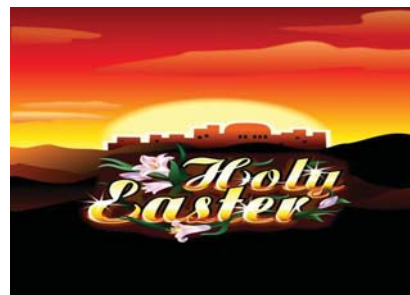
ASCENSION PARISH'S 14TH PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE DIVINE MERCY

**WHEN: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
APRIL 27, 2014**

**WHERE: STOCKBRIDGE, MA
COST: \$35.00 PER PERSON**

**PLEASE PICK UP
REGISTRATION FORM
IN CHURCH VESTIBULE**

Registration Deadline is April 23, 2014



EASTER PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
 This Easter,
 may we remember
 why this season is celebrated
 above all others.
 When we see eggs and rabbits,
 remind us of the joys
 brought by all new life,
 both through springtime in nature,
 and eternal life through
 Your resurrection.

When we see bright
 ribbons and colors,
 may we remember the
 joy of this season,
 at the conclusion of Lent.
 Above all, help us remember
 the greatest gift of all,
 Your conquest of death and sin,
 which saved all of us
 from eternal death
 and opened heaven's gates
 for us all.
Amen.