

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Seventh Sunday of Easter, June 1, 2014**

- 5:30 Roberto Fernandez
- 7:30 Mary Hickey
- 9:00 Lillian Person
- 10:30 Mary Buckley, Eighth Anniversary
- 12:00 People of Ascension Parish

**Monday, June 2, 2014**

- 7:00 People of Ascension in Gratitude
- 8:30 Paul Eberhardt

**Tuesday, June 3, 2014**

- 7:00 Helen Rovneyko
- 8:30 Vitaliano Gutierrez

**Wednesday, June 4, 2014**

- 7:00 Gerard P. Lee
- 8:30 Audrey Hawley

**Thursday, June 5, 2014**

- 7:00 The Clergy of Ascension
- 8:30 Isidra Zanoria

**Friday, June 6, 2014**

- 7:00 Martin Faderugao
- 8:30 Patrick Mangosing

**Saturday, June 7, 2014**

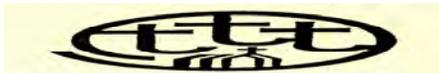
**Memorial Mass**

- 8:30 William O'Malley
- 5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

**Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2014**

- 7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
- 9:00 People of Ascension Parish
- 10:30 Bolivar Aponte
- 12:00 Giella Family

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT**  
*WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH*



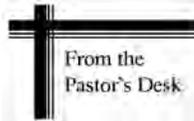
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

**Sunday, May 25, 2014:                 \$6,822.00**

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  
June 1, 2014**

- Sunday:       Acts 1:12-14/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a
- Monday:       Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday:      Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday:   Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday:     Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
- Friday:        Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday:     Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
- Next Sunday:  Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39  
Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23



Being religious, it seems, is not a great value these days. And if we are honest with ourselves, many of us will admit that the non-religious or secular aspect of society has affected us in some way or the other. After all, we are a part of this society. It's hard to stay unaffected by things that surround us everyday.

Our lives as followers of Jesus are no longer supported by the civil communities in which we live. It would be a serious mistake to think that as long as we keep in step with the secular society around us, that we're doing okay. We need to be very aware of how our faith life calls us to be different. If we find ourselves thinking and acting as everyone else in our surrounding society, we may find ourselves living outside of our faith.

Our calling is to live where we are, but not to take our values and beliefs only from our surrounding society. We need to be so grounded and rooted in our faith that we bring the deepest part of ourselves to our jobs, our social life, our community involvement. St. Peter tells us that there are going to be times, perhaps many times, when what we believe and hold in our hearts as a follower of Christ is going to be directly in opposition to what the world believes to be acceptable.

As we near Pentecost, may the Lord open our hearts to the power that Jesus offers us. May the Holy Spirit descend upon us and grant us wisdom and courage to follow Jesus. **COME, HOLY SPIRIT!**

✠ Thank you to all who made our Ascension Parish Feast Day a joyful celebration of who we are. Special thanks to Archbishop Bernard Hebda for his presence with us on our Feast Day. The Liturgy was solemn and reverentô just glorious; the music was astounding; the participation was uplifting; and the ice cream reception was absolutely delicious.

✠ On Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, we began our **Novena for Pentecostô** nine days of prayer asking God to renew us, our parish, and our world with the gift of the Holy Spirit. We will pray the Novena prayer, which is inserted in the back cover of our hymnals, at all daily and weekend Masses after the General Intercessions.

✠ May I ask that next Sunday we all **wear something RED** to remind each other of the power of the Holy Spirit we all share.

✠ I am so pleased that our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary church doors (only a year late) came out so beautifully. I am delighted to hear your favorable comments about the doors. Thank you to our Buildings and Grounds Committee members and to the members of our Finance Council for their input.

✠ We have recently purchased two beautiful trees, a Dogwood and a Rosebud. If anyone would like to memorialize one or both of these trees please see me.

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

*P. David*



## TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

### The Catholic School Teacher

Teachers play a key role in our life and have a major share in shaping it. It is a teacher who, with chalk and board or SMART Board and iPad, teaches our students the lessons of life. In the small world of our school, our teachers give us a glimpse of the universe whether on the playground or in the classroom.

They instill in our minds ideas to ponder and in our bodies the skills of a sports champion; they inculcate in us the virtues of life, they nurture souls and, teach as Jesus did. Words are never enough to thank these role models, our teachers.

Albert Einstein once said, *"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge."* The psychologist Carl Jung offered these words, *"The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child."*

We thank our Transfiguration Academy teachers for, in the words of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, patron of all teachers, they "touch the hearts, nurture the souls, kindle the minds and inspire the lives of the students entrusted to their care."

### ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN

Transfiguration Academy, prepares students to face the challenges of a changing society and become the leaders of tomorrow through, strengthening faith, enlightening minds and transforming hearts, one student at a time.

For more information, or to arrange a tour of the Academy, or to register, please call us at: 201-384-3627, or visit us at 10 Bradley Ave. Bergenfield, NJ 07621.

**"Begin the Transformation"**



**Father's Day Cards** are available at the doors of the Church this weekend. As you know, all Masses will be offered for the Father's, living and deceased, of parishioners on Father's Day. If you would like a card for your Father, please pick one up after Mass this weekend. Offering is \$10.00 per card/intention. The outer envelope may be returned to the rectory during the week. **Father's Day Sunday June 15th.**



### Registration for 2014-2015:

Registration forms the 2014-2015 School year were distributed to all students. Kindly fill out the forms and return them along with the fees to the Religious Education office before June 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 ó 2015 School year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085 during office hours.

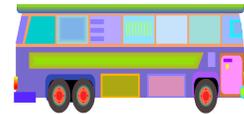
Children's Liturgy of the Word Team member. This is a great opportunity for college students or student teachers to gain experience share their faith and work with students in a relaxed atmosphere. Anyone interested please, call the Religious Education office.

Office Hours:

Monday ó Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm  
Closed; Thursday & Saturday

### **BUS TRIP.....TO ATLANTIC CITY**

*Ascension is sponsoring a trip to:*



**TAJ MAHAL**

**Monday, June 16, 2014**

The bus will leave the Ascension parking lot at 9:00am (sharp). Tickets are still available for \$27.00/per person (with a rebate of \$30.00). Make your checks payable to: Church of the Ascension, and drop off at the rectory in an envelope marked "Atlantic City Trip." Any questions, call Marge at (201)265-5675.



*You will notice a new statue in our church. Placed across from San Lorenzo Ruiz on the left side of Santo Nino, St. Pedro Calungsod is the most recent Filipino saint.*

## **The Life and Glorification of St. Pedro Calungsod**

Saint Pedro Calungsod (Latin: Petrus Calungsod, Italian: Pietro Calungsod; (July 21, 1654 – April 2, 1672), also known as Peter Calungsod or Pedro Calonsor, is a Filipino Roman Catholic martyr who was killed while doing missionary work in Guam in 1672. As a skilled sacristan and teacher of catechism, he was a companion of the Spanish Jesuit missionary, Diego Luis de San Vitores to the Marianas Islands. Through their efforts, many receive the sacraments especially that of baptism. A plot to kill Pedro and San Vitores started when a certain Choco, a Chinese who gained influence over the Macanans of Marianas Island, circulated false accusations that the missionaries were spreading poison through the ritual of the pouring of water (i.e. baptism), and through the ritual of Catholic Masses. Calungsod and Diego San Vitores were both murdered after baptizing an infant and mother who converted to the Roman Catholic faith.

Calungsod was formally beatified on March 5, 2000 by Pope John Paul II. Calungsod was officially canonized by Pope Benedict XVI at Saint Peter's Basilica in Vatican City on October 21, 2012. St. Pedro's feast day is April 2.

Calungsod is the second Filipino saint after San Lorenzo Ruiz.

**St. Pedro Calungsod, Pray for us.**



*"To everything there is a season...*

*"a time to be healed..."*

Rev. John McGovern, Andrew Comer, Matthew Sammon, Peggy Evans, Janet Sweeney, Anna Gorgone, Frances Lanzilotti, Anita Zucconi, Jack Wall, Eileen Burke, Michael Cullen, Joseph Gorgone, John Burke, 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, 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..."*

Eileen DeMarco, Rose Caruso

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



**Seventh Sunday of Easter, June 1, 2014**

Parish Maintenance & Repairs  
Baptism Prep. ó 1:15pm ó Gathering Room

**Monday, June 2, 2014**

Pastoral Staff Meeting ó 9:00am ó Rectory  
CFM ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

**Tuesday, June 3, 2014**

Woodcrest Center, Mass - 2:30pm  
Ministry of Word ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

**Wednesday, June 4, 2014**

Novena - 7:30pm ó Church  
Filipino Core Group ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

**Thursday, June 5, 2014**

Combined Choirs ó 7:30pm ó Church  
RCIA ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

**First Friday, June 6, 2014**

Building & Grounds Committee Mtg. ó 7:30pm  
Rectory Meeting Room

**First Saturday, June 7, 2014**

Confessions - 11:00am ó Church  
Vigil of Pentecost 5:30pm

**Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2014**

Air Conditioning Collection



Meetings

**MINISTRY OF WORD  
TUESDAY, JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> AT 7:30PM  
IN THE GATHERING ROOM**

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**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE  
FRIDAY, JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30PM  
IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM**



**AVAILABILITY**

**SANCTUARY CANDLE (\$15.), BREAD & WINE (\$40.), AND ALTAR FLOWERS (\$50. each basket) for the week, are available for memorial or special occasions, such as First Communions, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by the rectory office if you would like to check date availability.**



**BEGINNING: MONDAY JUNE 30TH  
ENDING: SUNDAY, AUGUST 31ST  
SATURDAY: 8:30AM  
SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:30PM  
SUNDAY: 7:30AM-9:30AM-11:30AM  
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY: 8:00AM  
HOLY DAYS: 7:00AM-8:30AM-7:30PM  
CIVIL HOLIDAYS: 8:30AM**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**EASTER FLOWERS**

You are invited to make a donation toward the Easter Flowers, which will continue to decorate our Church during the Easter Season. 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:** \_\_\_\_\_



**2014 Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2014**  
**"When I called, you answered"**

Thank you to the 277 parishioners who have made pledges amounting to \$49,140.00 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.



St. Joseph's Council #3814 Knights of Columbus will celebrate its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Breakfast Open House on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00am to 1:30pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 199 River Road in New Milford. All parishioners are welcomed to celebrate with the Knights 60 years of service to the Church and Community. The breakfast will be free of charge.



**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 to your parish. Please contact the rectory office or speak to Father David if you are willing to share your Time & Talent with your parish. Thank you.



The Food Pantry needs the following items:

- Razors, Paper Towels, Tissues, Napkins,
- Raisin Bran, Honey Bunches of Oats, Frosted Flakes,
- Salmon, Chicken,
- Cookies, Crackers.

Thank you for your continued support.



*"I am praying for them..." JOHN 17: 9*

Prayer - the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation. Pray for friends and family and for those that may not treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank and to ask God for help. Also, pray to see what God wants us to do.



Please remember to patronize,  
**BIG JIM'S RESTAURANT & PIZZERIA**  
 201-262-4600  
 who help make this bulletin possible