

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Saints Peter & Paul, Sunday, June 29, 2014**

5:30 Herbert Cole  
 7:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans  
 9:00 Anne & Harry Somo  
 10:30 People of Ascension Parish  
 12:00 Bell-Verrett Family

**Monday, June 30, 2014**

8:00 Brian & Regina McCann

**Tuesday, July 1, 2014**

8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

**Wednesday, July 2, 2014**

8:00 James Lacey

**Thursday, July 3, 2014**

8:00 Mary & George Schaeffer

**Friday, July 4, 2014-Independence Day**

8:30 People of Ascension Parish

**Saturday, July 5, 2014**

**Memorial Mass**

8:30 Delia Lynch  
 5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**July 6, 2014**

7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
 9:30 Vicky & Ceaser Lanza  
 11:30 Rosemary Kelly

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

*WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH*



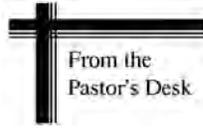
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

**Sunday, June 22, 2014: \$6,219.00**

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 29, 2014**

Sunday: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19  
 Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Mt 8:18-22  
 Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/ Mt 8:23-27  
 Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/ Mt 8:28-34  
 Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29  
 Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Mt 9:9-13  
 Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Mt 9:14-17  
 Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30



We all know that, as a Church, we have been in some pretty messy situations these days. Yes, we all know it, but some of us don't want to admit it or think about it. Those of us who are older somehow think that we are being unfaithful to our Catholic Church if we admit that things are not as they should be. We grew up with a sense of the holiness of the Church. The sinfulness and imperfection of the Church was never mentioned. We thought that it was a sign of unfaithfulness if we admitted that things were less than perfect.

But when have things been perfect within an institution made up of imperfect human beings? I know that there is a divine aspect to our Church, but there is also a human aspect. Today, as we celebrate this feast of Saints Peter and Paul, it is hard for us not to recall both sides of our Catholic Church ò human as well as divine.

St. Peter, called by Jesus to lead the Church, denied Jesus three times. St. Paul, as he was called by Jesus, was killing those who followed Jesus. Because the Church is human as well as divine, we still have leaders who are proud, stubborn, and self-seeking, as well as leaders who are humble, open, unselfish and very loving. Why are we so surprised when we see weakness in those who are sent to serve us? What is true of the shepherds is also true of the sheep.

Jesus told us that the gates of hell would never prevail. Now that's a promise that we have to hang onto. No matter how bad things might get, we have the assurance of Jesus himself that the Church will not crumble around us, dry up and disappear. That's just not going to happen. That's exactly why we have to nourish the virtue of perseverance. Perhaps these words from a homily given by Pope Benedict can help us in our understanding: òThe Church is not holy by herself; in fact, she is made up of sinners ò we all know this and it is plain for all to see. Rather, she is made holy ever anew by the Holy One of God, by the purifying love of Christ. God did not only speak but... he loved us to the point of the death of his own Son.ö (*Homily of Pope Benedict XVI. St. Peter's Basilica, Wednesday, 29 June 2005*).

A heartfelt thank you today to all the Peters and Pauls of Ascension ò saints and sinners ò who help to bring Ascension Parish to life in Jesus.

✠ This weekend the Little Sisters of the Poor will be with us to introduce us to their ministry to the elderly poor. We will take up a Second Collection to aid them in their ministry. Please be as generous as your means allow.

✠ Last Sunday at Holy Cross Church in Harrison Co-Adjutor Archbishop Bernard Hebda distributed certificates to the graduates of the Christian Foundations for Ministry program (CFM). He told the graduates that he is so grateful to them as they receive their certificates and continue their parish ministries with renewed enthusiasm. Congratulations to the graduates from Ascension Parish's CFM class: Dena Sedlak and Bryan Stephens, our parishioners, and John Gallo from St. John the Evangelist Parish. Year II, begins on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm in the Gathering Room. We will be studying òThe Church, Journeying through Communityö a course on Discipleship, in the Fall sessions. There is still time to sign up if you are interested. Contact Fr. David.

✠ Let me, on behalf of all of our parishioners, offer a BIG Thank You to Glenn Gordon and the members of our choirs and our Leaders of Song. All year long you share your time and talents with us. You help us each week to raise our voices in praise to God. Please know that your efforts are recognized and appreciated. Enjoy your summer and come back refreshed!

This leads me to offer my gratitude to all of our parish liturgical, word, service, and community building ministers who, like Jesus, help people — you and me — to experience God's amazing love. They offer so many opportunities for everyone to more fully participate in God's love by getting involved, sharing our gifts, and helping others to experience God's love. I pray that you will all have an opportunity to relax a little this summer and renew yourselves for continued ministry in the Lord Jesus.

✠ This Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, we observe **Independence Day**, our nation's two hundred thirty-eighth birthday. Together at the Lord's Table we give thanks for God's blessings of freedom that we share as Americans. In observance of Independence Day, the Rectory Office will be closed on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Regular business hours resume on Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

*Fr. David*



## TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

**The Question:** Are we Gambling with our Children's Futures? Under Federal guidelines, schools and districts could adopt one of four strategies to qualify for funds. **Still, some educators note that there is no research proving the effectiveness of any of these approaches.** So they're placing a large bet on an unproven approach," says Grover Russell Whitehurst, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution and director of the Brown Center on Education Policy.

**"if you can get rid of the worst schools and put into their place better schools, that's good. But we don't know how to do that."** (excerpt from Christian Science Monitor Article)

**YES WE DO!**

**The Answer:** TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

**Academic Awards:**

Consistently in the Top Three of the Following:

- Bergen Catholic High School Brady Memorial Academic Challenge
- St Joseph Regional High School academic Olympics
- Queen of Peace Academic Challenge

**Future City Engineering Competition**

- 4 Top Ten Finishes and 12 awards overall in our 8 years of competition

**Scholarships**

- Class of 2014 won approximately **\$300 K**, in scholarships. Graduating classes in our brief 8 year history have averaged over \$300 K in scholarships per year to the finest high schools in NY/ NJ

**Fine Arts**

- Awards at the Bergen Catholic High School Art Festival
- Winner in the Peace Poster Contest- Bergenfield Lions Club
- Music Beginner and Advanced Band program and Student Choir

**Gospel Values / Our Faith in Action.**

Our students collected food for the needy, raise over \$3,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and raised funds for the Holy Childhood Society, Haitian and Japanese Earthquake victims, Hurricane Sandy victims and much more.

Transfiguration's Dividends for Life

Don't gamble on their future! Invest in their Future!!!!!!

**Registration is now open!**

**Can you afford not to send your child to**

**Transfiguration?**

**Call 201-384-3627**



### Registration for 2014-2015:

Registration forms for 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.

**All First Communion Candidates may pick up their Communion Banners in Religious Education Office.**



### Volunteers Needed:

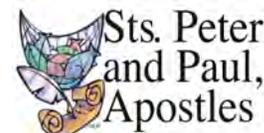
We are in need of **Catechists, Aides and Class Parents** for our Religious Education Program for the 2014 & 2015 School year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085 during office hours.

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.

Summer Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday 9 am to 4 pm

Closed: Thursday - Sunday



### **SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

The Little Sisters of Poor from St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly in Totowa are visiting our parish this weekend. The Little Sisters of the Poor operate 188 homes throughout the world providing loving care to the elderly poor and have served the aged in New Jersey since 1879. Please be as generous as your means allow.

**Thank you for your support.**

### **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.**



**GOD BLESS AMERICA!**



*Church of the Ascension*

*New Milford, New Jersey*

*2014 Summer  
Mass Schedule*

*Monday, June 30th to Sunday, August 31st*

*Weekdays:*

*Monday through Friday...8am*

*Saturday...8:30am*

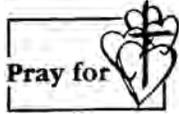
*Weekends:*

*Saturday...5:30pm*

*Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am*

*Holy Days: 7am, 8:30am, 7:30pm*

*Civil Holidays: 8:30am*



*"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..."*

Helen Brennan, Anthony Poli, Gregory Poli,  
Rev. Msgr. Larry Cull, Eleanor Barona

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns this week in loving memory of  
**Rebecca Tababan**



**SUMMER DRESS FOR MASS**



As summer begins, we would like to remind you of the proper dress for Sunday Mass. What may be appropriate for the beach or outdoor activities is not necessarily appropriate at Mass. It used to be that Christians wore their "SUNDAY BEST" when they came to church. Today, in our more casual society while we may not dress formally for Mass, we should dress properly out of respect for God and the sensitivities of others attending Mass as well.

Please remember, as always at Mass, the priest is the last to enter and the first to leave. Also, please remember to turn your cell phones OFF!



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**Saints Peter & Paul, Sunday, June 29, 2014**

**Little Sister of the Poor**

**Monday, June 30, 2014**

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS  
DAILY MASS 8:00AM

**Tuesday, July 1, 2014**

Baptism Prep. ó 7:00pm ó Gathering Room

**Wednesday, July 2, 2014**

Novena - 7:30pm ó Church

**Thursday, July 3, 2014**

Communion visits to homebound



**First Friday \* Independence Day**

Civil Holiday, One Mass Celebrated at 8:30am

**First Saturday, July 5, 2014**

Confessions - 11:00am ó Church

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 6, 2014**

Parish Maintenance and Repairs



Filipino Core Group of Ascension  
is sponsoring a bus trip to Atlantic City

Caesar's Casino

Saturday, July 19th, 2014

Cost: \$35/per person and reservation may be made on or before July 12. The bus leaves Ascension parking lot at 8:00am (sharp). Check payment must be made out to Ascension Church. Contact person ó Sophie Flores (201) 385-2817.



Holiday Office Hours

THE RECTORY & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICES  
WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>.

**SAINTS PETER & PAUL**

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



**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**



**SUMMER**

**Are you planning and packing for your vacation!!!**  
 School is closed, vacations are scheduled, be sure to include God in your plans. Remember the expenses of the church continue during the vacation months. Please continue to use your envelopes and if you are going away, please put in your envelope the week before or the week your return.

**HAVE A HAPPY, SAFE AND HEALTHY SUMMER!**



**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.



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

Thank you to the 281 parishioners who have made pledges amounting to \$49,435.00 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.



*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."*

2 TIMOTHY 4:7

Stewardship is not an easy life style. No one promised that it would be. It is counter-cultural to most things in the world today. However, putting God first in all things, living a life of gratitude and being generous with our time, talent and treasure brings tremendous joy to those who are disciplined. Fight the good fight and keep the faith!



**HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY WEEKEND!**



If you had your portrait taken please stop by the rectory office during business hours and pick up your copy of our Parish Church Directory. Thank you!

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