

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



The Epiphany of the Lord, January 4, 2015

- 5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
- 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 9:00 Alfred Carbone, First Anniversary
- 10:30 Artemio Gervacio
- 12:00 Terry Rencarge

Monday, January 5, 2015

- 7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
- 8:30 Anne Introcasa

Tuesday, January 6, 2015

- 7:00 Noel Tangney
- 8:30 Cesar Catapang

Wednesday, January 7, 2015

- 7:00 Alfraiz Cajucom
- 8:30 Joseph Ku

Thursday, January 8, 2015

- 7:00 Roslyn Khan
- 8:30 Maureen O'Brien (living)

Friday, January 9, 2015

- 7:00 Antonio Vela
- 8:30 Angel Cabezudo, Fifth Anniversary

Saturday, January 10, 2015

- 8:30 Juana Sisom
- 5:30 O'Hara & McCaffrey Families

The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday January 11, 2015

- 7:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans
- 9:00 Rose Caruso
- 10:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 12:00 Nellie & Tomas Heavey (living)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT
WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



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

Christmas, December 25, 2014: \$31,223.00

Christmas Parish Pay: \$ 2,343.20

Sunday, December 28, 2014: \$ 5,525.00

Christmas Flowers: \$ 2,721.00

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 4, 2015

- 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 55:1-11 or Is 42:1-4, 6-7/1 Jn 5:1-9 or Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the **Epiphany**, and the word means to show forth, to reveal. Many countries have a "Freedom of Information Act", because people today want information, but so often they feel they never get the answers.

Well, Isaiah says Jesus is that Answer, but he comes as a different kind of Liberator: "Not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench" (Is 42:1-4).

Do you ever feel like a "smoldering wick" barely hanging on, about to go out, tired of hoping and waiting for justice? Maybe we or a friend have even felt abandoned by the church at some point especially if we were terribly wounded by clergy sexual abuse.

Even though we believe we will ultimately be freed from our dungeons of abandonment and pain, by God's ultimate justice and mercy still, we have to keep "showing up" to live our lives, often in the midst of evil situations. Some people abandon organized religion, but that is not the answer either because there is both evil and good in all institutions.

We have to be like the "wise men" seekers from far away, different from others, strangers in our own land, perhaps but we are still open to knowing God's truth. Jesus wants to show himself to us as God's love. And he wants us to show the good news of salvation to everyone. Take heart believe and know that God is coming to all who are desperate for new life. As the bumper sticker says, **"Wise men and women still seek him."**

✠ 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

o Thank You to Lou Denis and his family for their donation of floral pieces and wreaths.
o Thank You to those who helped long hours making our church so beautiful for the Christmas Season and those who contributed for the trees and flowers.

o 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 for helping to make the Advent and Christmas liturgies so joyful and so richly meaningful.

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

o 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.

o Thank you to those who sent gifts, cards, and "goodies" to the Rectory for Christmas. Your thoughtfulness is always appreciated!
May Epiphany remind us of the gifts we are called to be to one another each and every day!

✠ Next Sunday, January 11th, we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which brings the Christmas Season to its conclusion. On Monday, January 12th, we will take down our Christmas decorations after the 8:30am Mass. As always, our parishioners are welcome to come and lend a hand. Many hands make for less work for all.

✠ **MARDI GRAS 2015 / VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER DANCE is coming!!!** Mark your calendars! Save this date! Saturday, February 14th 7:30pm to 11:30pm! Tickets will be available in January in the church vestibule after all weekend Masses.

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

Fr. David



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Transfiguration Receives \$10,000 Grant

Transfiguration received a grant from the Carol and Robert Williams Charitable Fund. We were honored to have Mr. Williams tour our school and discuss our goals and vision for the future of the Academy. The following is our letter acknowledging the grant, and thanking Mr. & Mrs. Williams for their generosity.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Williams,
On behalf of all of us at Transfiguration Academy, I want to thank you for your most generous gift of **\$10,000** toward the purchase of student lockers.

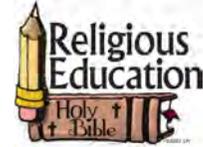
I also wanted to express my deep appreciation not only for the grant, but just as importantly for taking the time out of your busy schedule to meet with me, tour the facilities, and listen to our goals for the future of our school.

While our main focus has and will continue to be the academic and spiritual development of our students, we recognize that we must provide surroundings that are safe and nurturing. Your contribution will go a long way toward providing lockers, which will enhance our educational environment.

As we discussed, tuition covers only two thirds of the cost to educate a student, and while our cost per pupil is much lower than that of public schools, it is only through contributions such as yours that we can hope to maintain the high standards that have always been associated with Catholic Schools.

Respectfully,
Sal Tralongo
Principal

Transfiguration Academy
www.transfigurationacademy.org
201-384-3627



Calendar:

Sunday, January 4th ó K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)
Monday, January 5th ó 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
Wednesday, January 7th -- 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
Sunday, January 11th ó-K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

Religious Education will resume today Sunday, January 4, 2015. For-K to 6th
Monday, January 5th for 8th grade and Wednesday, January 7th for 9th grades.



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume **next Sunday, January 11, 2015**. 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 Parent's Meeting on Sunday, January 25th 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** Eighth Grade Parents/Student meeting on **January 28, 2015** 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 2016.**

Religious Education Office Location & Hours:

New Location: 356 Azalea Drive
Monday – Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm
Location: 1092 Carnation Drive
Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm
Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon
Closed: Thursday & Saturday
Other times by appointment

'Each of us is a Masterpiece of God's Creation.'

The Archdiocesan Respect Life Office and the Pro-Life Commission will host a Pro-Life Mass at noon on January 18, 2015 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge Street, Newark. January 22, 2015 marks the 42nd anniversary of the legalization of abortion in this country. By attending this special Mass, those who wish to stand up for life but cannot attend the March for Life in Washington DC or the rally in Trenton can still show their support and defend those who cannot defend themselves. For more information, please contact Cheryl Riley at 973-497-4350 or at rileyche@rcan.org

PARISH TRIP

A Trip is being planned to the Amishlands, Pennsylvania for 3 days from April 15-17, 2015. The price of \$399 per person/\$468 single includes 2 nights lodging, 2 full breakfasts, 2 dinners, òMosesö at the Millennium Theatre, òInspireö at the American Music Theatre, guided tour of the Amish Countryside, guided tour of Hershey, with Founder's Hall and Tram ride. Bus transportation, luggage handling, taxes and meal gratuities are included. Cancellation insurance is available upon request and is recommended. A \$50 deposit will hold your reservation and is due by January 31st, 2015. For reservations and info. Call Josie, (201) 265-0485 or Anna (201) 387-2632. Please fill in the coupon below and deposit it at the rectory mailbox with your deposit.

NAME _____

PHONE # _____

NAME OF PERSON YOU ARE SHARING

A ROOM WITH _____

PHONE # _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Please make all checks payable to Ascension Church



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Rose DeEufemia, Dolores Crowley, Shirley Busby, Roger Carr, Rev. John McGovern, Andrew Comer, Janet Sweeney, Ann & Jack Wall, Eileen Burke, Michael Cullen, Joseph Gorgone, 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.

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



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Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday, January 4, 2015

Parish Maintenance & Repairs
NO Children's Liturgy of the Word
Religious Ed. K-6 ó 10:15am ó School
Baptism Prep. ó 1:15pm ó Gathering Room

Monday, January 5, 2015

Pastoral Staff Meeting ó 9:00am ó Rectory Mtg. Rm.
Religious Education, Grade 8 ó 7:00pm- School
CFM ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

Tuesday, January 6, 2015

Woodcrest Center, Mass ó 2:30pm

Wednesday, January 7, 2015

Religious Education, Grade 9 ó 7:00pm - School
BS Troop 291 ó 7:30pm ó Fr. Benedict Center
BS Committee ó 7:30 ó Multi-Purpose Room
Filipino Core ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room
Contemporary Choir ó 8:00pm - Church

Thursday, January 8, 2015

Children's Choir ó 3:45pm ó Church
Traditional Choir ó 7:30pm - Choir

Friday, January 9, 2015

No Events

Saturday, January 10, 2015

Confessions ó 11:00am ó Church

The Baptism of the Lord, Sunday, January 11, 2015

Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am
Religious Ed. K-6 ó 10:15am ó School
12 Noon Mass for Santo Nino
Reception follows Fr. Benedict Center
Baptism ó 1:30pm - Church



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.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

Saint Joseph's Knights of Columbus is sponsoring the Local Council Championship on Saturday January 17, 2015.

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the Council Level competition.

All participants will be recognized for their participation in the event. Each respective age division winner will proceed to the District competition.

All participants are required to provide proof of age and written parental consent. Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of January 1, 2015.

For additional information contact: Bob Osterlof at 201-370-3404.

Date: Saturday January 17, 2015

Time: 2:30 P.M. Registration, 3:00 P.M. START

Place: St. Joseph School Gym, Elm Street Oradell New Jersey.

GIVE IT A SHOT!

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: _____

FULL TIME / PART-TIME CHURCH BUSINESS MANAGER

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Dumont is in need of a full time/part-time Business Manager. Accounting or Bookkeeping experience is a must. Knowledge of Quick Books, Accounts Payable, Payroll, Deposits, and Bank Reconciliations preferred. If interested in this position, mail resume to 280 Washington Ave., Dumont, NJ, 07628 attention Dory Weiss or email at info@stmarysdumont.org by Jan. 12.



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.

Please print clearly on all requests.

Donation \$15.00 for Each Intention

One intention for each donation will be listed on the
Christmas Flower Donations bulletin insert

Please put your donation and intention in the Christmas Flower Envelope that you received in the mail or pick one up at doors of church and drop it in the collection basket or in the black mail box outside the rectory door.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

In Memory of: _____

or the Intention of: _____

Donated by: _____

Phone: _____

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEASON FOR OUR SERVICE MINISTRY

November and December are a very busy time in this small but active ministry. With a very few hands, we are able to accomplish quite a bit for Thanksgiving and Christmas. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who helped collect and deliver 180 turkeys for Thanksgiving and approximately 400 gifts for Christmas to various charities around the area. Thanks to our Turkey Drive crew: Pat Boak, Mary and Henry Blanco, Palma Rabbit, Tom and Bryan Stephens, and Joseph Konathappally, assisted by our Confirmation Candidates. Special thanks to Father David and Brendan Suter for delivering the turkeys to St John's in Fairview. Our Giving Tree gifts would never make it to their destinations without the help of our delivery team; Henry and Mary Blanco, Bob Sofia, Greg Cucco, Pat Boak and the Stephens family. We are a small group, but help so many. If you are interested in joining our crew, we would love the help for the New Year!

God bless all who contributed to our holiday missions!

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Just a reminder for those who made a pledge to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal for 2014. If you have not fulfilled your pledge please do so. Every fulfilled Pledge Counts! Thank you.