

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25, 2015

5:30 Marge Bruno (healing)
 7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
 9:00 Delfina Duarte
 10:30 People of Ascension Parish
 12:00 Fred McCrea

Monday, January 26, 2015

7:00 Peter Connelly
 8:30 John M. Chaffiotte

Tuesday, January 27, 2015

7:00 Arthur Sherry
 8:30 Demetria Victoriano

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

7:00 Vicente Redoblado
 8:30 Jean & Andrew L. Comer

Thursday, January 29, 2015

7:00 Francisco Vidal
 8:30 Grace Morris

Friday, January 30, 2015

7:00 Viola Bell
 8:30 Margaret & Thomas Tenney

Saturday, January 31, 2015

8:30 Maria Luisa Delgado, 85th Birthday, (living)
 5:30 Brian & Regina McCann

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1, 2015

7:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans
 9:00 Dorothy & George Schaeffer
 10:30 Mary Hickey, First Anniversary
 12:00 Joseph Riccirdone

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



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

Sunday, January 18, 2015: \$4,588.00
Food Pantry: \$ 763.00

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 25, 2015

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
 Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:22-30
 Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25
 Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41
 Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew, casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.

He walked along a little further and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then He called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

Mark 1:14-20

Psychologist Abraham Maslow has an interesting response to the question why so few people leave all to follow a dream or to pursue a noble goal. He says, they are afraid to become what they are capable of being. They thrill at the possibility, but they also shudder at it.

- How do I respond to the thought of stepping out in faith and following Jesus more closely?
- How do I react to the idea of embarking upon a noble goal with Jesus?

*What I am is God's gift to me.
 What I become is my gift back to God.*

As Catholics, we are spread over the entire earth. That is one of our great strengths. We are a Catholic, universal, body of Christian believers. But we need to have connections with one another here at the local level. Every parish is a community of communities. We need to know the names of some of our community members and look into the faces of our fellow believers. As Pope Francis would challenge us, please consider joining with others to bring Christ's hope to those who are sitting in the darkness.

Following the response by the apostles, may we get over ourselves, and get with Jesus agenda. Let us keep awake in the moment, and be ready to be Christ to the next person in need. We just might be the only Bible that some people will ever read.

✠ **Pasta...Pasta...Pasta...A Taste of Italy... is coming!** Sponsored by our Boy Scout Troop 291... Mark your calendars! **Saturday, January 31st** in the Fr. Benedict Center! (See the flier in the bulletin.)

✠ Married Couples of Ascension Parish celebrating anniversaries of 1 year, 5 year multiples, and all married couples 50 years and more in 2015 are invited to celebrate our annual **MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY LITURGY** on Sunday, February 8th at the 12 Noon Mass. A reception will follow in the Fr. Davis Multi-Purpose Room in our School Building. Please fill out and return the response form in the bulletin as soon as possible. (Deadline to sign up is Monday, Feb. 2nd.)

✠ **MARDI GRAS 2015/VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER DANCE is coming!!!**

Mark your calendars! Save this date! **Saturday, February 14th** 7:30pm to 11:30pm Dinner Dance with D Executives Band. As in years past, this promises to be a great evening together! Tickets are available in the front vestibule after all Masses. Please plan to be with us.

✠ Due to last weekend's inclement weather attendance and therefore offerings were less than expected. If you were unable to attend Mass I ask that you please consider making up your contribution to your parish for Sunday, January 18.

✠ I have received a request for a **SUGGESTION BOX** to be placed in the church to facilitate parishioners who have suggestions to make concerning our parish. Please feel free to put your suggestion in the black mailbox outside the Rectory front door. I promise that I or a member of the Pastoral Staff will acknowledge your suggestion. Thank you.

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

Fr. David



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

A Parent's Recent Recommendation as sent to Great Schools.com:

Transfiguration Academy should be proud of a great Principal who all the time sees to the betterment and improvement of every single student and the school facilities as well. They have very concerned, qualified and caring teachers, excellent administrative staff, and very clean and hygienic premises. Good sports facilities like basket-ball, tennis, etc., at their very large Conlon Hall. Students enjoy the learning process and being at school. Transfiguration Academy not only inculcates very high moral values and virtues in the students which I think is a must in the present world that we live in but inspires students to do and give their very best. I would definitely rate it 7 stars.

Best regards,
Nayeem Hafizkaö

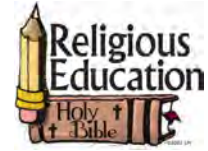
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**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR
SNOW REMOVAL – THIS WEEKEND**

This Weekend we will take up a second collection to help defray the cost of **Snow Removal** on our parish grounds. *This is a very expensive item on our budget & we have already been serviced for seven snow removal and salting services this season.* This is a collection that provides for your safety throughout the winter months. So I ask each parishioner family to be as generous in this collection as your means allow. **Thank you!**



Calendar:

Sunday, January 25th 6-K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)
Monday, January 26th 6th & 8th Grade Parent/Student Meeting at 7 pm in Church
Wednesday, January 28th -- 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
Sunday, February 1st 6th K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

Children's Liturgy of the Word today, Sunday January 25, 2015.

What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together as a family.



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

There will be a 1st Grade Parents Meeting today, 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** Eight Grade Parents/Student meeting on **January 26, 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.**

There will be a Mandatory Parent meeting for all candidates for the sacrament of First Eucharist on **February 1, 2015**, at 10:15 am in the Fr. Davis Multi-Purpose Room, at least one parent must attend.

Religious Education Office Location & Hours:

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

Marriage Anniversary Liturgy

2015



Church of the Ascension
will once again honor couples in our parish
who celebrate

a Wedding Anniversary
in a multiple of 5 years in 2015

(1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc., and
any anniversary 50 years and over).

A special Marriage Anniversary Mass
will be celebrated on
Sunday, February 8, 2015 at 12:00 Noon.



A reception will follow
in the Fr. Davis Multi-Purpose Room.

If you wish to celebrate with us, please fill out and return the form below
to the Rectory no later than Monday, February 2, 2015



Church of the Ascension
Marriage Anniversary Liturgy
Sunday, February 8, 2015



Name _____ Phone _____

Anniversary celebrated in 2015: _____ Anniversary Date: _____

Number of persons attending reception: _____

Please return this form to the Rectory no later than Monday, February 2, 2015



"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, Peggy Evans, Jose Diaz, Justine White, Joe Fazio, 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

JANUARY

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 25, 2015

Snow Removal Collection
Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am
Religious Ed. K-6 ó 10:15am ó School
First Grade Parents Meeting ó Multi Purpose Room

Monday, January 26, 2015

Religious Education, Grade 8 ó 7:00pm- School
Confirmation Parent Meeting
CFM ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

Tuesday, January 27, 2015

Woodcrest Center, Rosary ó 2:30pm

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Harrison House
Religious Education, Grade 9 ó 7:00pm - School
Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church
BS Troop 291 - 7:30pm - Fr. Benedict Center
Contemporary Choir ó 7:30pm - Church

Thursday, January 29, 2015

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

Friday, January 30, 2015

Set-up MPR for First Eucharist Parents Meeting

Saturday, January 31, 2015

Confessions ó 11:00am ó Church
Sign up for Open Our Hearts
Boy Scout's Pasta Dinner ó 6:45pm ó Fr. Benedict Ctr.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 1, 2015

Parish Maintenance & Repairs
Sign up for Open Our Hearts
Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am
Religious Ed. K-6 ó 10:15am ó School
First Eucharist Parent Meeting ó Multi Purpose Room
Baptism Preparation ó 1:15pm ó Gathering Room

BUS TRIP.....TO ATLANTIC CITY

Ascension is sponsoring a trip to:



TAJ MAHAL

Thursday, February 12, 2015


The bus will leave the Ascension parking lot at 9:30am. Tickets are available for \$28.00/per person (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, please call Marge at (201)265-5675.

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.



SAVE THE DATE
FEBRUARY 14, 2015
MARDI GRAS DINNER DANCE
ON VALENTINE'S DAY



This month's monetary donation was \$763.00.
Due to last weekend's inclement weather we ask that you please consider making up your donation to the food pantry.

Our sincere thanks to the many parishioners who help support our food pantry throughout the month with continuous donation of food and other pantry needs. Your support of this most important ministry is greatly appreciated.

May God Bless you!

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, ðMosesö at the Millennium Theatre, ðInspireö at the American Music Theatre, guided tour of the Amish Countryside, guided tour of Hershey, with Founderø 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

MEMORIALS

ðTHANK YOUö 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: _____

KofC Free Throw Contest Results

St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Council #3814 of New Milford/Oradell hosted their Annual Council Free Throw Contest on January 17 at St. Joseph Gym in Oradell. The event was open to all boys and girls in the community ages 9 to 14.

The winners in each age and gender category will compete in the district 16 competition to be held on Saturday February 21 at St. Joseph gym in Oradell with an eye toward moving on to the regional and state competition.

The following are winners from each age category :

Girls : age 9 Maria Schoenberg , age 10 Riley McGovern , age 11 Anna Lewis , age 13 Maura Bednarcik .

Boys: age 9 Michael Panella, age 10 Matthew Kelleher , age 11 Declan Haney , age 12 Charles Bridge Jr.

St. Joseph Council is proud of all the participants and wishes luck to the winners advancing to the district competition.



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