

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1, 2015

- 5:30 Brian & Regina McCann
- 7:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans
- 9:00 Dorothy & George Schaeffer
- 10:30 Mary Hickey, First Anniversary
- 12:00 Joseph Riccardone

Monday, February 2, 2015

- 7:00 Mary Clarke
- 8:30 Gutierrez-Cardona's Family

Feast of St. Blaise, Tuesday, February 3, 2015

- 7:00 Michael Byrne
- 8:30 Sr. Rose Marie of the Child Jesus, O.Carm.

Wednesday, February 4, 2015

- 7:00 Estanislao & Macaria Antolin
- 8:30 Luisa Garcia

Thursday, February 5, 2015

- 7:00 Gennaro Ranaudo
- 8:30 Michael & Mary Rowland

Friday, February 6, 2015

- 7:00 Alfredo Mertola
- 8:30 Ana Zuniga

Saturday, February 7, 2015

Memorial Mass

- 8:30 Marilyn Johns, Joseph Chacko
- 5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 8, 2015

- 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 9:00 Salvador Yancha
- 10:30 Consolacion Pineda
- 12:00 Anthony Mascia

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT
WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



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

Sunday, January 25, 2015: \$6,695.00
Snow Removal: \$2,337.00

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
February 1, 2015

- Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
- Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13
- Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34
- Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39



How do you think you'd react if you were confronted by the deranged man in the gospel today? Maybe terrified, irritated or just relieved that Jesus was dealing with it! There's nothing wrong with feeling our honest feelings. But today we are almost overcome with people on TV and radio, crying out for relief and help on every side. How can we deal with all this pain?

Yet the Psalm today says "Don't harden your hearts to God's voice! Notice how Jesus deals with demands for help? When others walk away, Jesus approaches, and listens. He doesn't fear the evil; once he lets it speak, he can set the person free.

Silence allows us to look, to see, to contemplate what is happening right in front of our eyes. Silence allows us to LISTEN to God's urgings. This is why, even when we are tired, troubled in spirit, and want to give up, it is important to keep our connection to God open.

Jesus must have often been worn out by the effects of evil. But he took time away, nurtured his communication with God, so he could face the reality of sin and evil squarely, so that the sick person could then be healed.

Like all unclean spirits, our sin also wants to hide from the light. But Jesus wants us to confess it into his light, so that he can drive the evil away forever. Then we too can be grace for another's unclean spirits to come out of them.

✠ Thank you to Chris Cudina, Beth Delgado and Brendan Suter, members of our Parish Finance Council, who spoke to us last weekend about Stewardship of Treasure. Please, prayerfully consider what you presently give in our offertory collection. LISTEN to God as he urges us in our sacrificial giving. When you give to God from your heart you will never be disappointed.

✠ Tuesday, February 3rd, is the Feast of St. Blaise. We will bless throats at the 7 and 8:30am Masses.

✠ **LAST CALL...** Married Couples celebrating anniversaries of 1 year, 5 year multiples in 2015 are invited to celebrate our annual **Marriage Anniversary Mass** on Sunday, February 8th at the 12 Noon Mass. A reception will follow in the Fr. Davis Multi-Purpose Room. Please fill out and return the response form in the bulletin as soon as possible. (Deadline to sign up is this Monday, Feb. 2nd.)

✠ Next weekend we begin the **Archbishop's Annual Appeal for 2015**. Thank you to our parish families who contributed to the 2014 Appeal. Although we fell short of our goal, I am indeed proud of all who chose to help the neediest of our Archdiocese. Our 2015 goal is \$53,400.00.

✠ **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 DJ 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.

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

Fr. David



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Transfiguration in the TOP TEN in New Jersey

Transfiguration once again competed in the "Future City" engineering competition at Rutgers University. This was our 9th year of competition and marked the first time we entered a 6th grade team.

Not only did our 6th graders participate, but their "city" placed in the Top Ten in the NJ State-wide competition. Our 7th Grade team also took home honors having their "city" named "Healthiest City" of all those competing.

In our 9 years of competition, Transfiguration has won 13 awards and has had 5 top ten placements in the New Jersey State-wide competition. These students give hope for a bright, successful, and faith-filled future.

Transfiguration
*Strengthening Faith, Enlightening Minds and
Transforming Hearts...One Student at a Time*

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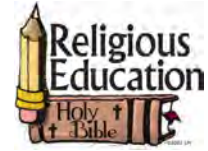
SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR SNOW REMOVAL

Last Weekend we took 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. Because of your generosity our collection amounted to \$2,337.00.



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Calendar:

Sunday, February 1st 6-K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)
Monday, February 2nd 6 8th Grade Parent / Student Meeting at 7 pm in Church
Wednesday, February 4th -- 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
Sunday, February 8th 6 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 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.

There is a **Mandatory** Eighth Grade Parents/ Student meeting on **February 2nd** 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.**

The 7th & 8th grades classes will meet on **Monday, February 9, 2015.**

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

Blessing
of
Throats

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

On Tuesday, February 3rd, we will commemorate the Feast of St. Blaise with the traditional blessing of throats at our 7:00 & 8:30 morning Masses.

"Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other evil."

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.

"a time to die..."

Rev. John P. McGovern

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



Sunday, February 1, 2015 – Super Bowl Sunday

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

Monday, February 2, 2015 – Groundhog Day

Deanery Meeting ó 1:30pm ó Gathering Room
Religious Ed. Grade 7 ó 7:00pm - School
CFM ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

Feast of Saint Blaise - Tuesday, February 3, 2015

Blessing of Throats at 7:00 & 8:30 morning Masses
Woodcrest Center, Mass ó 2:30pm
Ministry of Word ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

Wednesday, February 4, 2015

Religious Education, Grade 9 ó 7:00pm - School
Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church
BS Troop 291 - 7:30pm - Fr. Benedict Center
BS Committee - 7:30pm ó Multi-Purpose Room

Thursday, February 5, 2015

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

First Friday, February 6, 2015

Visit to Homebound
Set up MPR for Parish Marriage Anniv. Reception
Buildings & Grounds ó 7:30pm ó Rectory Mtg. Room

First Saturday, February 7, 2015

Confessions ó 11:00am ó Church
Set up MPR for Parish Marriage Anniv. Reception
Archbishop's Annual Appeal Pledge at all Masses
Sign up for Open Our Hearts

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 8, 2015

Archbishop's Annual Appeal Pledge at all Masses
Sign up for Open Our Hearts
Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am
Religious Ed. K-6 ó 10:15am ó School
Noon Marriage Anniversary Liturgy,
Reception in Multi-Purpose 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.



MINISTRY OF WORD MEETING

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2015
7:30PM IN THE GATHERING ROOM**

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2015
7:30PM IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM**



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

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.



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, "Moses" at the Millennium Theatre, "Inspire" 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.

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 PHONE # _____
 NAME OF PERSON YOU ARE SHARING
 A ROOM WITH _____
 PHONE # _____
 EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Please make all checks payable to Ascension Church

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: _____

APPLICANTS REQUESTED

For the 2015-2016 academic year, the Archdiocese of Newark, NJ seeks qualified applicants for the position of principal in our elementary and secondary schools, both urban and suburban schools, located in Bergen, Essex, Hudson, and Union Counties.

Candidates must meet the following requirements:

- Practicing Catholic
- Relevant experience in teaching, leadership, and/or administration
- Earned Master's degree in Education, preferably in school leadership
- NJ Teaching Certificate or its reciprocal
- NJ Principal Certification preferred or commitment to attain or its reciprocal

Applicants with the qualifications listed below, may send a letter of intent, resume, with three (3) letters of reference to Sister Patricia Butler, SC at butlerpa@rcan.org or Archdiocese of Newark, Schools Office, 171 Clifton Ave., Newark, NJ 07104 by February 15, 2015.



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