

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 15, 2015

5:30 Andrew T. Comer
 7:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans
 9:00 Salvador Yancha
 10:30 People of Ascension Parish
 12:00 Leonardo & Gloria Diaz

Monday, March 16, 2015

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
 8:30 Lourdes & Antonio Cruz

St. Patrick, Tuesday, March 17, 2015

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
 8:30 Thomas Meyer

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

7:00 Antonio Paa
 8:30 Jim, Terry & Jimmy Maloney

Solemnity of St. Joseph, Thursday, March 19

7:00 Joseph J. Plog
 8:30 Fernandez-Pena Family

Friday, March 20, 2015

7:00 Sister Jeanne Marie Prince, OP
 8:30 Thomas O'Donohoe
 7:30 Florencia Dolotina

Saturday, March 21, 2015

8:30 John DeGasperis
 5:30 Larry Figalora, Tenth Anniversary

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 22, 2015

7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
 9:00 Buddy Doll
 10:30 Mary Buckley
 12:00 People of Ascension Parish

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



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

Sunday, March 8, 2015: \$7,083.00
Peter's Pence: \$1,725.00

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 March 15, 2015

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21
 Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
 Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33



Scrapbooking is one way of remembering our history. As we near Jesus' Passion and death, it's time to check the scrapbook of our Jewish-Christian family history, and ask "Why does Jesus have to go to his death?"

Scripture says all the priests and the people practiced "all the abominations of the nations"; and Christians haven't reversed that record! We must face the reality of evil in our world: our role in it, and our ongoing need to be saved from it. Even Jesus had to suffer literally the crucifying effects of evil in the world. As Pope John Paul II said, "The cross of Christ is a witness to the power of evil against the one who was without sin." The cross makes us understand the deepest roots of evil.

But are we AWARE of *our* role in evil? Or do we think morality is just "personal choice", as abortion is often described? Evil is sly and persistent. The point of remembering our sins is to remind us to become AWARE! Because if you're not aware of your sin, you're not aware of your salvation.

As we become more aware of our sinfulness, we see and feel the need for the sacrament of reconciliation (confession) in our lives. As we near the end of Lent, please make the extra effort to take advantage of the many opportunities for God's amazing grace in the sacrament of reconciliation. You will not be disappointed!

✠ Our pool of **funeral servers and readers** is dwindling. Perhaps you can volunteer to become a server or reader for our parish funerals. This ministry is so comforting to families in their time of loss. Please consider this Corporal Work of Mercy. Please see Fr. David for details and training.

✠ Through an arrangement with *Wine and Roses*, we are offering parishioners an opportunity to purchase **PALM CROSSES**. The Crosses, fashioned from palm with a red bow, can be used for grave sites. The price is \$10.00 and the crosses will be distributed after all Masses on March 21/22, the weekend before Palm Sunday. Please complete the form in the bulletin and return it to the table in the front vestibule this weekend or to the Rectory Office on or before **March 16th**.

✠ Don't forget to purchase your tickets this weekend for our **Parish Lenten Fish and Chips Dinner** on Friday, March 20th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in the Fr. Benedict Center. This will be hosted by our 9th Grade Confirmation Candidates. Remember, tickets (\$8.00) must be purchased in advance. Tickets are available from our Confirmation Candidates, in the front vestibule of the church, or from the Rectory Office. **No tickets will be sold at the door.**

✠ Please join the priests and parishioners of St. John's, Bergenfield and St. Mary's, Dumont as we will celebrate our **Tri-Parish Lenten Communal Penance Service with Individual Confessions** at St. John's, Bergenfield on Saturday, March 21st at 1pm. What a wonderful way for us to prepare for the holiest week of the year. We will not hear confessions at 11am on this day.

✠ SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL 2015

Thank you so much to our 168 parishioner families who have pledged \$31,360.50 to the Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. There is still time to make a pledge. Brochures are in the pews and at the doors of the church. Letters will soon go out to parishioners inviting them to consider making a pledge. I pray that each parish family will step up and support this beautiful way to answer Jesus' invitation to offer His hope to the poor and needy. **Give a little...Give a lot... But, please, give something!** May God continue to bless all at Ascension with generous hearts.

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

Fr. David



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Vatican Education Prefect:

“Church Needs Faithful Catholic Schools”

“True and faithful Catholic education is necessary today given the crises of values and family life”, explained Cardinal Grocholewski, Prefect of the Congregation for Catholic Education,

His presentation, titled “The Need for Catholic Schools, and Their Identity”, focused on the prevalent cultural crises and the dire need for strong Catholic education, noting the crisis in moral values, which is the root of all educational problems.

The Cardinal stated that Catholic education is a primary means to renew family life. Parents must be recognized as the primary educators of their children, and “owe need Catholic schools that focus on the family; keep in mind the family’s needs, and defend its dignity and the values on which to build its happiness. Our schools must teach people to build strong, responsible and long-lasting families.”

“Yes, we need Catholic schools!” he firmly declared.

He further stated: “We need schools that concern themselves with forming humanly and spiritually mature persons, discerning people who want, and are able, to use what they have learned only for good,”

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 Transforming Hearts...One Student at a Time*

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 201-384-3627 www.transfigurationacademy.org
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Lenten Fasting and Feasting...

Let us...

- ...fast from complaining and **feast** on gratitude
- ...fast from harsh judgments and **feast** on kind thoughts
- ...fast from worry and **feast** on trust in God to provide
- ...fast from discouragement and **feast** upon hope
- ...fast from bitterness and **feast** on forgiveness
- ...fast from hatred and **feast** upon returning good for evil
- ...fast from anger and **feast** on patience
- ...fast from pettiness and **feast** on becoming mature
- ...fast from jealousy and **feast** on praying for trust
- ...fast from gossiping and **feast** on controlling your tongue
- ...fast from sin and **feast** on virtue
- ...fast from giving up and **feast** on perseverance



Tuesday March 17th



Calendar:

Sunday, March 15th -- K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

Monday, March 16th 6th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Wednesday, March 18th 6th 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Sunday, March 22nd -- K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

Children’s Liturgy of the Word has started at the 9 am Mass. All children in K to 5th grade are invited to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Friday, March 20, 2015 the 9th Grade Confirmation Class will host the Parish Fish and Chip Lenten dinner. All 9th grader **MUST** attend and the money for your tickets is due Wednesday March 18, 2015.

Wednesday March 25, 2015: 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat will start at 4pm til 10 pm.. All candidates are to report to the Fr. Benedict Center by 4 pm. This is a Mandatory retreat and all must be here. No one will be excused.

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

**ASCENSION PARISH'S 15TH PILGRIMAGE
 TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF
 THE DIVINE MERCY**

**WHEN: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
 APRIL 12, 2015**

**WHERE: STOCKBRIDGE, MA
 COST: \$35.00 PER PERSON**

**PLEASE PICK UP
 REGISTRATION FORM
 IN CHURCH VESTIBULE**

Registration Deadline is March 28, 2015

Church of the
Ascension

Palm Crosses

- ◆ *Fashioned from Palms* ◆
- ◆ *Red Bow* ◆
- ◆ *\$10.00 per cross* ◆

Orders Taken

Weekend of March 14/15, 2015
in the church vestibule after all Masses

Crosses Distributed

in the church vestibule after all Masses
Weekend of March 21/22, 2015

Detach and return Form below



PALM CROSSES

PRE-SALE ORDER FORM

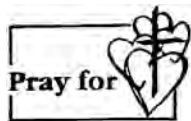


Name _____

Telephone No. _____

Number of Crosses at \$10.00 each _____ Total Amount Enclosed _____

*Fill out and return this response form after Mass on March 14 or 15.
Deadline: Monday, March 16, 2015*



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Rose DeEufemia, Dolores Crowley, Shirley Busby, Roger Carr, 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, Marguerite Morris, Peggy Evans, Jose Diaz, Justine White, 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..."

Mario Portillo

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE
burns this week in loving memory of
Gerard Patrick Lee



Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 15, 2015

Food Pantry Sunday

Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am

Religious Ed. K-6 ó 10:15am ó School

12 Noon Mass 8th Grade

Confirmation program begins at 11:30am

Monday, March 16, 2015

Confessions at Transfiguration Academy

Religious Ed. ó Grade 8 - 7:00pm ó School

St. Patrick * Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Woodcrest Center, Communion Service ó 2:30pm

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

Religious Education grade 9 ó 7:00pm - School

Novena ó 7:30pm - Church

BS Troop 291 ó 7:30pm ó Fr. Benedict Center

BS Committee ó 7:30pm ó Multi-Purpose Room

Filipino Core Mtg. - 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

Solemnity of St. Joseph * Thursday, March 19, 2015

Children's Choir ó 3:45pm ó Church

Combined Choirs ó 7:30pm - Church

Friday, March 20, 2015

Set up for Parish Fish & Chips ó Fr. Benedict Ctr.

Lenten Fish & Chips Dinner ó 5:30pm

Mass & Stations of the Cross ó 7:30pm ó Church

Saturday, March 21, 2015

NO Confessions

Tri-Parish Communal Penance Service ó 1:00pm

At St. John's, Bergenfield

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 22, 2015

Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am

Religious Ed. K-6 ó 10:15am ó School

EASTER DINNER PROMOTION AT SHOP RITE

To All, Shop Rite has a promotion that runs from February 22nd, through April 4th. The promotion is as follows: If you spend \$400 in this promotional time frame you become eligible for a "Easter Dinner Favorite" such as a Ham, Turkey or Lasagna. If you would like to donate your "Easter Dinner Favorite" to the Church of the Ascension Food Pantry, we will gladly accept it. You can leave your price plus card number (no name) with the Business Manager at Ascension (phone #201 836-8961/ e-mail:ascension@optonline.net). The Food Pantry volunteers will determine what dinner item is most needed. The Food Pantry volunteers will pick up the item for you. There is no need to bring your donated item to the church at specific times/date. Thank you for your generous stewardship.

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.



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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



ARCHBISHOP JOHN J. MYERS JOINS IN CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES

Once again, the Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark is preparing the annual celebration honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five or fifty years of Christian marriage in the year 2015. These liturgies will be celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers and held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

April 19, 2015

3:00pm – 50th Wedding Anniversary

May 3, 2015

3:00pm -- 25th & 5th Wedding Anniversary

It is our desire to have every couple in the Archdiocese deserving of such recognition be present at the appropriate liturgy. The presence of a large number of couples will give favorable witness to the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today's society.

If you are celebrating one of these milestone anniversaries, contact the rectory at (201) 836-8961 for registration.

Deadline for reservations: Monday, March 30, 2015

TRI-PARISH LENTEN COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Ascension, St. John's, Bergenfield and St. Mary's, Dumont will celebrate our **Tri-Parish Lenten Communal Penance Service with Individual Confessions** at St. John's, Bergenfield on Saturday, March 21st at 1pm.

PARISH TRIP TO AMISHLANDS, PA

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. 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.



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 168 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$31,360.50 pledged dollars. Please consider making your pledge today. Give a little, give a lot, but please give something for the Glory of God!

This year our Parish Goal is \$53,403.00

Food Pantry SUNDAY

Our Needs are: Facial Tissue, Toilet Tissue, Paper Towels, Napkins, Razors, Shaving Cream, Shampoo, Conditioner and Bath Soap.
 Your donations are much appreciated.



REMEMBER DURING LENT

Mass on Friday's at 7:30pm
 followed by Stations of the Cross.

Also, we have placed "Five Minutes with the Word for Lent 2015" in our parish book rack. Please take one for yourself and even another for a friend

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: _____

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