

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



## EASTER SUNDAY

### The Resurrection of the Lord

8:15 Easter Vigil  
 7:30 All  
 9:00 Parishioners  
 10:30 Living and  
 12:00 Deceased

### Monday, April 6, 2015

7:00 Leonardo & Gloria Diaz  
 8:30 John Trimarchi

### Tuesday, April 7, 2015

7:00 Ray Burgos Cajucom  
 8:30 John L. Chaffiotte

### Wednesday, April 8, 2015

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee  
 8:30 Christopher Diaz

### Thursday, April 9, 2015

7:00 Renie Dimanlig (healing)  
 8:30 Kathleen Kennedy

### Friday, April 10, 2015

7:00 Teresa Begley (healing)  
 8:30 Catherine Mascia

### Saturday, April 11, 2015

#### Memorial Mass

8:30 Kathleen Kennedy  
 5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

### Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12, 2015

7:30 Con & Rose Lynch  
 9:00 John Trimarchi  
 10:30 People of Ascension Parish  
 12:00 Msgr. Francis A. Fox

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

*WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH*



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

**Palm Sunday, March 29, 2015: \$9,551.00**

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 April 5, 2015

**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35  
**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15  
**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18  
**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35  
**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48  
**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14  
**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 0:19-31

Alleluia! Alleluia!! Alleluia!!! By his death and Resurrection, Jesus has destroyed sin and death forever!! And he has done it, not by brute force and violence, but by being the Suffering Servant who willingly laid down his life so that we and every creature loved into life by God would have that life forever. Who would not want to say ðAmen! Alleluia!ð to that!?

Today, Jesusðbeloved friend, Mary Magdalene, comes as a seeker, needing closure and proof of what seems unbelievable. She is desperately grieving and longing to see her Lordí . Just as we feel when someone we love has died. We have that sense of unreality, ðI canð believe theyðre really gone.ð But today we learn that Jesus and all of our loved ones are still alive! It is like a dream that we almost canð believe!

Mary came to the tomb, looking for the dead Jesus. But through the miracle of Easter, she finds the living Lord. Or, better, the living Lord finds her. Because, even if we are grieving, disillusioned with life, or filled with fear or shame at something in our lifeð God never stops calling us by name.

And that is exactly why we are all here today. We gather together to ðre-memberð the Body of Christð to re-tell the stories of faith, to eat and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus, ðin memory of Him.ð Mary said, ðI have seen the Lord.ð Let us hold these words of life close to our hearts as we celebrate with joy this Easter feast.

We find the Easter Jesusð words of life where we find men and women alive with love for neighbors, near and afar. We find the Easter Jesusð words of life when we see people caring for each other in all of the difficulties that life can bring, the many storms we weather in our own daily lives. We find the Easter Jesusð words of life in our parish priests, our deacons and our pastoral staff who care for us in our need. We find the Easter Jesusð words of life in the many ministers who serve us so faithfully at our Eucharistic Liturgies: altar servers, lectors, special ministers of the Eucharist, leaders of our Childrenð Liturgy of the Word, cantors, choirs, ushers, liturgy planners, decorators, and sacristans. We find the Easter Jesusð words of life in our parish ministers who visit the homebound and those in nursing homes and hospitals. We find the Easter Jesusð words of life in the members of our Word, Worship, Community Building and Service Ministries. We find the Easter Jesusð words of life in the members of our parish Finance Council and Buildings and Grounds Committees. We find the Easter Jesusð words of life in our parishioners who minister to us through social events that allow us to see the Risen Jesus not only in the confines of the church building, but in all of our parish life. We find the Easter Jesusð words of life in our parishioners who serve the hungry poor through our parish Food Pantry, and Hackensack walk-in for the homeless. We find the Easter Jesusð words of life in the caring, concern, and faith sharing of our catechists, parents, and students of our Religious Education Programs and Transfiguration Academy. We find the Easter Jesusð words of life when we see parents taking care of their children, even though it means giving up so much, so often. We find the Easter Jesusð words of life in our parishionersð lively faith and generous stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure, like the hours spent in preparing liturgical ceremonies, decorating our church for special Holy Days, our generous response to the Sharing Godð Blessings Annual Appeal. We find the Easter Jesusð words of life in the leaders and participants of our parish ðOpen our Heartsð Lenten Program.

Easter calls us to live with a hope-filled, positive and encouraging attitude. We find the Easter Jesusð words of life whenever you and I bring some genuine life to another person. There are so many ways in which we can bring new life to our family and friends. It seems we can never get enough gentle and genuine encouragement in our lives. When we live JesusðEaster words, we are helping people to believe in the new life that Jesus offers through the earth-shattering event we call the Resurrection. On this Easter day I offer a special **THANK YOU** to all who allow the risen Jesus to bring new life to Ascension. May we, in turn, speak JesusðEaster words of new life to one another. May the risen Jesus continue to Easter in each of us.

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

*P. David*



**TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY**



**The Administration, Faculty and Staff  
of Transfiguration Academy  
wish you and yours  
A Blessed and Happy Easter**

*Transfiguration Academy  
Strengthening Faith, Enlightening minds,  
Transforming hearts...One Student at a Time*

Registration is now open to all children interested in attending Transfiguration Academy, **Pre K 2 Plus through 7<sup>th</sup> grade**, for the 2015/2016 school year. We will be happy to conduct tours of our facilities and discuss our outstanding curriculum and the latest technological advances which make Transfiguration Academy a leader in Educational Excellence. If you wish to arrange an appointment to tour the facilities and see the school in session, please call the school office: 201-834-3627. We invite you to visit our website: [www.transfigurationacademy.org](http://www.transfigurationacademy.org)



**Knights of Columbus 50/50 Cash Raffle  
For 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Scholarships**

St. Joseph Council No. 3814 of Oradell/New Milford is sponsoring a **50/50 Cash Raffle to raise \$2,000 for our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Scholarship Program**. With your help we can reach our fundraising goals and you will have a chance to win one of three cash prizes. Raffle tickets are \$20 each. The Raffle drawing will be held on Saturday, April 18th, at 9:00pm during our Beefsteak Dinner at the Columbian Club hall at 199 River Road, New Milford, NJ. Winner need not be present to win. Contact Jeff Walters at (201)925-7174, or leave a message on the Council phone at (201)262-9722.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

*Alleluia, Alleluia He is Risen*

**Calendar:**

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> ó Easter Sunday ó No Religious Education  
Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> ó No Religious Education  
Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> ó No Religious Education  
Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> ó Pre-K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume on Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>. Remember this is a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

**Confirmation Class of 2015** - Please remember that your letters to Bishop Marconi are due by April 8, 2015. Please drop them off in the Rectory as soon as possible.

Religious Education resumes on Sunday April 12, 2015.

**Volunteers Needed:**

We are in need of **Catechists, Aides and Class Parents** for our Religious Education Program for the 2015 ó 2016 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.

**Religious Education Office Hours:**

Monday ó Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm ó in the Rectory  
Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm ó in the School  
Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon ó in the School  
Closed: Thursday & Saturday  
Other times by appointment

**Altar Servers**

We are in need of several Adult Altar Servers to assist at Funeral Masses. If interested, please contact the Rectory (201) 836-8961 and sign up for a training class.





**EASTER SUNDAY-APRIL 5, 2015**

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*We welcome you all to our celebration of **Easter 2015** here at Ascension.*

*We especially welcome those who have been away from Ascension due to school, illness or living elsewhere for whatever reason. It is good to have you home again. Welcome to all visitors.*

*Thank you for choosing to celebrate your Easter with us.*

*Easter is the most beautiful and holiest time of year, when we celebrate Jesus' new life shared with us at Easter and all throughout the year – the gift of life, the gift of faith, and the gift of each other.*

*We invite you to share in many important celebrations of Jesus' new life shared with us during the seven weeks of the Easter Season and beyond.*

*On the weekend of April 26, we will celebrate **First Holy Communion** at specific weekend Masses.*

*On Saturday, May 2nd at 11am, we will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit into the lives of our young men and women in the **sacrament of Confirmation**.*

*We will observe **Mother's Day** on May 10th, and during the 9am Mass we will celebrate our annual **Crowning of our Blessed Mother**. We will celebrate the **Blessing of Mothers** at all weekend Masses.*

*We will celebrate our **Parish Feast Day, Ascension Thursday**, May 14th with great fanfare as we celebrate the 7:30pm Mass, which is followed by our **"Make your own Ice Cream Sundae."** What a special day for us!*

*On the Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 17th, we will celebrate **Communal Anointing of the Sick** during Mass at 12:00 Noon.*

*On May 24th, the **Solemnity of Pentecost**, we celebrate the special presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.*

*We end the Easter Season on the weekend of May 31st, **Most Holy Trinity Sunday**.*

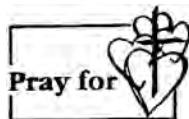
*On Sunday, June 7th, we will celebrate **Corpus Christi** at 12:00 Noon Mass followed by our annual Corpus Christi Procession.*

*We will observe **Father's Day** on this weekend of June 21st with the **Blessing of Fathers** at all weekend Masses.*

*I encourage you to immerse yourself in the spirit and graces of the season by participating in these special celebrations and I ask that you bring someone you love with you.*

*My prayer is that Christ, whose resurrection we now celebrate, may dwell in your hearts and in your homes throughout this season of joy.*

***A Most Blessed Easter!***



*"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.

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



**EASTER SUNDAY, April 5, 2015**

**Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30am, 12 Noon**  
NO Religious Education

**Monday, April 6, 2015**

Pastoral Staff Meeting ó 9:00am ó Rectory Mtg. Room  
NO Religious Education  
CFM ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

**Tuesday, April 7, 2015**

Woodcrest Center, Mass ó 2:30pm  
Ministry of Word ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

**Wednesday, April 8, 2015**

Religious Education Grade 9 ó 7:00pm ó School  
Novena ó 7:30pm - Church

**Thursday, April 9, 2015**

Hackensack Homeless  
Childrens Choir ó 3:45pm ó Church  
Combined Choirs ó 7:30pm - Church

**Friday, April 10, 2015**

No events

**Saturday, April 11 2015**

8:30 Mass followed by Divine Mercy Novena  
Confessions ó 11:00am - Church

**Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12, 2015**

Catholic Home Missions  
Parish Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Divine  
Mercy bus departs at 7:00am  
Childrens Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am  
Religious Education, Grades K-6 ó 10:15am- School  
Baptism Preparation ó 1:15pm ó Gathering 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**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2015 AT 7:30PM**  
**IN THE GATHERING ROOM**



**A.C. TRIP**  
Feeling lucky? Come Ride with us to **CAESARS**, Atlantic City. Sponsored by The Filipino Community of Ascension Church. April 19, 2015 (Sunday), departure time 8:45am from Ascension Church Parking Lot. Cost \$35.00 (Casino Voucher back-\$20.00). For further information, please call: Sophie Flores (201)385-2817 or (201)406-7741.

# EASTER SUNDAY



## EASTER PRAYER

Lord Jesus,  
This Easter,  
may we remember  
why this season is celebrated  
above all others.  
When we see eggs and rabbits,  
remind us of the joys  
brought by all new life,  
both through springtime in nature,  
and eternal life through  
Your resurrection.

When we see bright  
ribbons and colors,  
may we remember the  
joy of this season,  
at the conclusion of Lent.  
Above all, help us remember  
the greatest gift of all,  
Your conquest of death and sin,  
which saved all of us  
from eternal death  
and opened heaven's gates  
for us all.  
**Amen.**

## MEMORIALS

ōTHANK YOUō 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</b>
<b>(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: \_\_\_\_\_



## EASTER FLOWERS

You are invited to make a donation toward the Easter Flowers, which will be used to decorate our Church throughout the Easter Season. Donations may be made in memory of a loved one or a special intention. **Each intention donation is \$10.00** please place form & donation in an envelope marked "EASTER FLOWERS" & drop off at the rectory.

**PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY**

**In Memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**For the Intention of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Requested By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

### *Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal*

Happy Easter to All! Thank you to the many generous parishioners who have supported the 2015 Annual Appeal, which began just before Lent. During Lent, we are all challenged to grow in prayer, to fast, and to give alms in anticipation of this great Easter season!

Your generosity to the Annual Appeal allows Catholics and non-Catholics alike throughout our four counties in New Jersey the opportunity to encounter the Risen Christ. Thousands of people are served annually by the Archdiocese of Newark through various programs and ministries funded by the Appeal. Our parish also benefits by receiving a rebate from the appeal if it exceeds its goal.

**Parish Goal 2015: \$53,403.00**  
**Total Given to Date: \$36,400.50**  
**Total # of pledges: 193**

If you have not made your gift; we encourage you to consider  
*Sharing God's Blessings.*  
Thank you again for your generosity and Happy Easter!

### **St. Mary's R.C. Church, Dumont** **SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE GRIEVING** **THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE**

**Our session dates:**  
**(The third Thursday of every month)**  
**April 16, May 21, and June 18**

All meetings are held in the Parish Office  
from 7:00 ó 8:15 PM.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact the Parish Office at 201-384-0557 or just walk in on any third Thursday.



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