

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Third Sunday of Easter, April 19, 2015

5:30 John Carbone  
 7:30 Steven LePage  
 9:00 Michael Alfis  
 10:30 Anna Ettl-Thomas (healing)  
 12:00 People of Ascension Parish

### Monday, April 20, 2015

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee  
 8:30 Pierre Camulaire

### Tuesday, April 21, 2015

7:00 Jose R. Ruiz, Sr.  
 8:30 Gloria Fernandi

### Wednesday, April 22, 2015

7:00 Mary Kelliher  
 8:30 Anosius Etienne

### Thursday, April 23, 2015

7:00 Eleanor Hocker  
 8:30 Laura Abdelghafor

### Friday, April 24, 2015

7:00 Aleykuty Uthuppan  
 8:30 Santiago & Florencia Genuino

### Saturday, April 25, 2015

8:30 Michael O'Hara, Anniversary  
 5:30 Garcia-Fernandez Family

### Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2015

7:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans  
 9:00 People of Ascension Parish  
 10:30 Arlene Aubert  
 12:00 Cathy Burke-Dooley

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



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

<b>Sunday, April 12, 2015:</b>	<b>\$5,535.00</b>
<b>Additional Easter:</b>	<b>\$1,204.00</b>
<b>Catholic Home Missions:</b>	<b>\$1,274.00</b>

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 19, 2015

Sunday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
Monday:	Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51--8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
Next Sunday:	Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18



The media and the internet are known for treating sin with curiosity, laughter, and entertainment but never blame! St. John sums up sin for Christians concisely: "Those who say 'I know (Jesus),' but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them." That is, if we claim to be Christians, we keep the Commandments as the ground rules on which we build a loving and healthy relationship with Jesus.

There is no such thing as "private sin." The Commandments point to all the concrete ways that sin affects the community around us. Sin is never merely some isolated act of anger or violence or passion; it is our breaking faith with the One we long to know, love, and serve in this life, and go home to in the next. We can pretend that sin has nothing to do with the rest of our life, but, like acid which seeps into the ground beneath us, sin poisons us, weakens our own spirit, and tears apart the larger fabric of our life together in Christ.

Fortunately, we do not go to God alone, either. Together, as a community, we pray, correct each other, forgive and forget, comfort and support. But we have to become aware of the power of our own evil to crucify the Son of God, in order to really feel the radical sacrifice of love Jesus made so that sin could be wiped away, and we could live forever. May we know the power of our sin and God's forgiveness.

✠ Let us join in special prayer for the children in our parish family who will be receiving Jesus for the first time next weekend. They and their families have been preparing for this great event for some time now, learning what the Eucharist is all about and what it means to be part of the Eucharistic community. May our children and their families always be eager to receive Jesus at his Table of Life.

✠ Let us also pray for our young men and women who will receive the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00am Mass with Bishop Dominic Marconi.

✠ **May is almost here, It is that special month we dedicate to Mary, the Mother of God who is our Mother, too.** On May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 9:00am Mass we celebrate our annual **Parish May Crowning**. Our First Communicants will help us to give special honor to our Blessed Mother. Also, please remember that we pray the Rosary Monday through Saturday at 7:45am in church. We also pray the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help each Wednesday at 7:30pm.

✠ Remember, **Mother's Day** is May 10<sup>th</sup>. **Mother's Day Mass Cards** are available to remember our mothers, living and deceased, for the month of May. Cards are available in the Sacristy after Mass this weekend or in the rectory office during business hours.

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

*Fr. David*



**TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY**

**Graduates Uphold the Tradition**

The final results are in! We are pleased to announce that all our grads made at least one, and many made all of the Catholic High Schools to which they applied. In addition, 3 graduates have been accepted to Bergen County Academies, a National Blue Ribbon High School, and Bergen Tech.

**ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN FOR 2015/2016**

Transfiguration Academy, prepares students to face the challenges of a changing society and **become the leaders of tomorrow** through, strengthening faith, enlightening minds and transforming hearts, one student at a time.

For more information, or to arrange a tour of the Academy, or to register, please call us at: 201-384-3627, or visit us at 10 Bradley Ave. Bergenfield, NJ 07621.

**“Begin the Transformation”**

**TRICKY TRAY/PASTA DINNER**

Transfiguration Academy’s H.S.A. is holding our 9th annual Tricky Tray with a Pasta Dinner on Friday, May 8, 2015 at St. John’s Conlon Hall- 19 N. William Street Bergenfield, NJ 07621. Doors open at 5:30, dinner served at 6:30, prizes pulled at 7:30. The tickets are \$18.00 per person if purchased by May 4, 2015 and \$20.00 if purchase after that date. Included in the ticket price is 1 sheet of Level One Prize Tickets, a Pasta Dinner, soda (during dinner only), salad, dessert, coffee and tea. Children’s ticket to the dinner only will be \$10.00, \$12.00 if purchased after May 4th and will **not** include Prize Tickets. Discount ticket packages are also available, as well as individual tickets. For more information please contact Ann-201-349-3870 or RJ-201-637-5604. Table Reservations will only be accepted for 8 more people. Tickets will be available at the school office, Monday ó Friday during school hours-201-384-3627.

**FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY**

Food Pantry Sunday is April 19. The following items are needed to replenish the pantry: canned fruit, apple sauce and raisins, tuna, peanut butter and jelly or jam, cranberry juice, facial tissues and deodorant. Your support is always appreciated. Also, please remember that there is a coupon box at the back of church. Coupons assist in stretching your cash donations.

**Did you know?**

**April is Child Abuse Prevention Month**

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is most appropriate that Child Abuse Prevention Month is held during the Easter season. There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God ó our children. For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, contact our parish Local Safe Environment Coordinator, Serina Sharkey.



*Alleluia, Alleluia He is Risen*

Calendar:

Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> ó Pre-K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> ó 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> ó First Eucharist Rehearsal 7pm Church

Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> ó 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Sunday, April 26<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 on Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>. Remember this is a great way for families to celebrate Mass together. This will be the last one until October, please look for the Children’s Bulletins in the back of the church.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

**Confirmation Class of 2015:** ALL OUTSTANDING PAPER WORK is due ASAP.

**First Eucharist:** There will be a MANDATORY Rehearsal Tuesday April 21, 2015 in the Church at 7 pm. All First Eucharist candidates and one parent are to meet at 6:50 pm so we can start on time.

First Communion Mass will be April 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 9 am and 12 Noon. All candidates are asked to meet 30 minutes before their scheduled Mass in the Monsignor Fox Gathering room.

**Registration for 2015-2016:**

Registration forms the 2015-2016 School year will be distributed to all students today please look for them in your child’s backpack. Kindly fill out the forms and return them along with the fees to the Religious Education office before June 30<sup>th</sup>. All families that are new to the program are asked to come to the Religious Education Office and pick up a Registration Form. For more information please call us at 201-836-3085.

**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



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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### ***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**.

On Sunday, May 3rd, during the 9am Mass we will celebrate our **Crowning of our Blessed Mother**.

We will observe **Mother's Day** on May 10th and 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**.

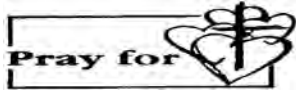
On Sunday, June 7th, we will celebrate **Corpus Christi** at 12:00 Noon Mass followed by our annual Corpus Christi Procession.

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, 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..."*

Marie Hackett, Helen Pocsik, Mae Quinn

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



**Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal**

Thank you to the 226 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$41,900.50 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**



Thank you to all of the servers and those who donated baked items for 110 guests at the recent Hackensack Walk-in dinner. We appreciate your continued support of this important ministry in serving those in need.

**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 or call the rectory office to check date availability.



**Third Sunday of Easter, April 19, 2015**

**Parish Maintenance & Repairs**

Children's Liturgy of the Word 6 9:00am  
Religious Education, Grades K-6 6 10:15am- School  
Baptism 6 1:30pm 6 Church

**Monday, April 20, 2015**

Religious Education Grade 8 6 7:00pm - School  
CFM 6 7:30pm 6 Gathering Room

**Tuesday, April 21, 2015**

Woodcrest Center, Communion Service 6 2:30pm  
Ministry of Worship/Liturgy 6 7:30pm - Rectory

**Wednesday, April 22, 2015**

Harrison House  
Religious Education Grade 9 6 7:00pm 6 School  
Novena 6 7:30pm 6 Church  
BS Troop 291 6 7:30pm 6 Fr. Benedict Center  
BS Troop 291 Committee 6 7:30pm 6 Multi-Purpose Rm

**Thursday, April 23, 2015**

Children's Choir 6 3:45pm 6 Church  
Ministry of Service 6 7:00pm 6 Gathering Room  
Combined Choirs 6 7:30pm - Church

**Friday, April 24, 2015**

Finance Council 6 7:30pm 6 Rectory Meeting Room

**Saturday, April 25 2015**

Confessions 6 11:00am 6 Church

**First Eucharist – 5:30pm Mass**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2015**

Food Pantry Sunday  
**First Eucharist 9:00am & 12 noon Masses**  
NO Children's Liturgy of the Word  
Religious Education, Grades K-6 6 10:15am- School



**MINISTRY OF WORSHIP & LITURGY MEETING**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015**

**7:30PM IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM**

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**MINISTRY OF SERVICE MEETING**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2015**

**7:00PM IN THE GATHERING ROOM**

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**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2015**

**7:30PM IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM**

**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.



**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)

<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: \_\_\_\_\_



**Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards are available in the Sacristy after Mass this weekend or in the rectory beginning Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.** As you know, all Masses will be offered for the Mothers, living and deceased, of parishioners on Mother's Day. If you would like a card for your mother, Grandmother, Godmother, Mother-In-Law, Wife, Aunt, Sister, Daughter, Friend or anyone who has been like a mother to you please pick one up at the rectory office during business hours (9am-4pm Monday-Friday). The outer envelope may be returned to the rectory during the week. **Offering for each card is \$10.00.**



**St. Joseph Council No 3814 is pleased to announce that \$1,000 Scholarships will be awarded to two 8<sup>th</sup> graders planning to attend a Catholic High School in the fall of 2015.** Eligible scholarship applicants must be registered with St. Joseph Parish in Oradell, NJ or Ascension Parish in New Milford, NJ. Selection will be based on criteria focusing on service to the church, school, and community, and an essay on the value of the Knights of Columbus principles of **Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.**

Completed applications must be returned to St. Joseph Council and postmarked no later than **Monday, May 4, 2015.** Winners will be notified in June. Applications can be downloaded from our website at [www.kofcstjoseph.org](http://www.kofcstjoseph.org). For additional information contact Jeff Walters at (201)925-7174.

**PILGRIMAGE THROUGH PORTUGAL & SPAIN**

Father Roy Regaspi with Regina Tours offering a 10 day pilgrimage celebrating 500 years of St. Teresa of Avila. October 12-21, 2015. Including Salamanca, Madrid and Lourdes. Please contact Asian Pacific at (201)501-8388 for complete information.

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_



**In Memory of:**  
 Bell-Verrett Family  
 Anne Fredrikson

**Requested by:**  
 Mrs. Ann Guillory  
 Mrs. Ann Guillory



Thank you for your contribution to help strengthen the Church at home! Your generosity will provide catechesis, seminarian education, lay ministry training, and other pastoral programs in needy diocese across the United States.

***BUS TRIP.....TO ATLANTIC CITY***

*Ascension is sponsoring a trip to:*



**TAJ MAHAL**

**Monday, May 18, 2015**

The bus will leave the Ascension parking lot at 9:30am. Tickets are available for \$27.00/per person (rebate of \$35.00). 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.



In your Easter bonnet with all the frills upon it are some of the lyrics to a very popular song which reflects the joys of the Easter season. Some people, however, have difficulty experiencing these joys due to their circumstances in life. Catholic Charities aims to help relieve the suffering of many in our society through its various programs. Please help Catholic Charities continue its mission by donating your unwanted clothing to the bin located on our property. May the spirit of the Risen Christ resound through your generosity. Thank you.